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SUMMARY.

The Kinshin railways have been ordered to transport immediately 5000 troops to Nagasaki, whence they will embark for Korea.

Japan is equipping three fast mercantile steamers as armed cruisers.

The Chinese Imperial railway has withdrawn its rolling stock from the north.

In the event of trouble China will ask Great Britain to take over the line.

The Russian Minister to Korea is straining every nerve to induce Korea to lease Mesampho and Chinhai for Russian naval stations.

Further particulars received with reference to the theatre fire at Chicago state that 214 persons are still missing.

Fifty-seven dead girls remain unidentified, and 564 bodies have been recovered.

The injured persons number 157, and of these it is expected that a third will die.

A millionaire lost five sons. One man found in the morgue the bodies of five relations.

The theatre was insured for 10,000 dollars only, as the owner believed it to be fireproof.

The performance at which the fire occurred was attended mostly by mothers and their children.

The fire was caused by the bursting of a tank containing carbide of calcium. The theatre was in darkness at the time.

During the fire a panic occurred amongst the amateur firemen on the stage.

The asbestos curtain became blocked when partly lowered, and the firemen fled for their lives.

Many victims of the fire were found asphyxiated, and seated facing the stage.

Scores of bodies were naked, and in many instances the faces had been trampled upon.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that Mr. Deakin has asked Mr. Chamberlain to stump Australia to secure an offer of trade preference, which he professes to already have in his pocket.

Mr. Deakin, the "Times" says, would hardly venture to invite Mr. Chamberlain unless confident that he has the approval and sympathy of the great majority of Australians.

Siam having accepted the basis for an additional convention with France, M. Delcasse has extended the period for ratifying the old treaty till the middle of February.

The mail steamers have reduced freights to Australia to 35s per ton fine and to 30s per ton rough measurement.

On her trial trip the Adelaide Steamship Company's Grantala attained a speed of 16 knots.

There is little hope of capturing the Mullah in Somaliland or of dealing a final blow.

It is expected that the Mullah will fight at Jidballi, as he believes it is the key of the Valley of the Nogal.

There are no New Year honours. In future they will be given on Coronation Day instead.

Germany is trying to secure a coaling station at St. Thomas, one of the Danish islands in the West Indies.

The United States is watchful, holding Denmark bound either to sell the islands to America or to retain them.

It is considered probable that when the Commonwealth Parliament meets the Government will immediately proceed with business.

This would enable the session to close about May, which would meet the wishes of many members.

A race in service whaleboats was rowed yesterday morning between a crew from the Royal Arthur and a team from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

After a close and exciting contest the Royal Arthur crew won by four or five feet.

The race was rowed in 17m 45s, and the course was a good two miles.

South Australian revenue returns for the December quarter show a net increase of £1673.

The total territorial revenue for the quarter showed an increase of £6342, but the Commonwealth contribution showed a falling-off of £18,189.

Mr. G. Compere Government Entomologist of Western Australia, is proceeding to Brazil shortly to secure a parasite for the fruit fly.

Passengers' furniture and household goods, when the property of intending settlers, are on importation into South Africa liable to a 10 per cent. ad valorem duty.

There is, however, a rebate of 25 per cent. allowed in the case of British goods, and intending settlers are treated with every consideration.

Arrangements have been practically completed for a syndicate to take over the South Australian Government wine depot in London.

A superannuation fund in connection with the South Australian Public Service was started yesterday.

About 500 persons have handed in their names of members which represents a yearly income of £10,000.

Mr. A. C. Knowles, officer in charge of the Bonnie Vale Post-office, Western Australia, shot himself in the forehead on Thursday. He died 20 minutes afterwards.

Joshua Preston, 8 years of age, was drowned while fishing at Camp Cove, near Watson's Bay, yesterday morning.

The annual gathering of the Highland Society was held on the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday, and was very successful.

Osborne Chester, organist of the Congregational Church, Wollongong, died somewhat suddenly at Bathurst yesterday after drinking iced water.

Deceased was a member of the Illawarra District Choir competing at the Bathurst Musical Festival.

During last year 1,457,662oz of gold, valued at £5,156,482, were received at the Perth mint.

Gold received at the Melbourne mint last year totalled 819,714oz, compared with 784,746oz in 1902.

An endeavour is to be made to have Australian wines admitted into South Africa upon the same terms as French wines.

The New South Wales and South Australian representatives to the Deaf and Dumb Congress in Melbourne were entertained by the Victorian delegates yesterday.

A cricket match between deaf mutes representing New South Wales and Victoria resulted in a win for the latter by five wickets and two runs.

On arrival of the Russian ship Imperator Alexander II. at Melbourne yesterday, it was reported that the first and second officers had been suffering from beri beri fever.

Mr. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, estimates the traffic receipts of the Pacific cable for 1903 at £77,000.

At Tattersall's Club Annual Race Meeting at Randwick yesterday, the Carrington Stakes were won by Pendant, the favourite.

A parasite was recently obtained by Mr. Compere from India, but the experiments with the insect have not yet had a chance of arriving at finality.

Mr. Chanter will probably take the first opportunity of appealing to the Federal High Court with a view to upsetting the Riverina election.

A. Carter, of Victoria, won the final stage in the King's Prize at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association of Western Australia.

Alderman Thomas Henley has been unanimously selected as the candidate of the People's Reform League for the Ryde electorate.

Walter Caspyt, a ship's butcher, was run over by a tram at Circular Quay yesterday. His left leg was severed below the knee.

At the meeting of the Western Rifle Association at Bathurst yesterday the Spencer was won by Lieutenant Joseph O. Miller, of the Australian Rifles.

The Western Champion Aggregate, carrying a gold medal and £15, was secured by Lieutenant W. G. Rickwood, of the Naval Brigade, with 300 points.

A. W. M'Callum, of Randwick and Coogee, tied with Sergeant E. Wright, of Bathurst, for the President's, and in the shoot-off the former won.

Mr. Alfred Gollin's yacht Sayonara, which is to compete with the Bona in the interstate race, arrived safely in Port Jackson yesterday from Melbourne.

The Englishmen batted first in the second test match, begun at Melbourne yesterday, and when stumps were drawn had lost two wickets for 231 runs.

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By order of the Commissioners,
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A special service of Trams will be run to the Sydney Cricket Ground from Bent-street and the Railway Institute, commencing at 1.0 p.m.

TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS, COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 4.

It is notified for public information that on and after the above date the following Week-day Alterations will be brought into force:—

COOGEE LINE.

The 5.52 a.m. (Workmen's Tram) from Randwick will be altered to leave Coogee 5.10 a.m., Randwick 5.20 a.m., and arrive at Circular Quay 5.52 a.m.

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Railway Commissioners' Office,
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The new-comers bring us something fresh, piquant, and enjoyable—something that everybody will want to see. A ballet at the end of the second act, led by Miss Olive Evans, and arranged by Mr. Ralph Bicknell, is something quite out of the ordinary, the dancing being distinctly high-class.

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"Mama's New Husband" is always bright. All the artists in the company are good. Miss Olive Evans acted in refreshing style. She is extraordinarily vivacious, and achieved quite a triumph.

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Mr. REGINALD MASSEY will sing:—"Bird of the Wilderness" (Lang).
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"O Hush Thee My Baby."
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TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15.
The CITY ORGANIST (Mr. Arthur Mason) will play:—Military Overture in C (Mendelssohn), Romance in D flat (Lemare); Improvisation on a hymn tune; Grand March and Chorus from "Tannhauser" (Wagner); Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard); Communion in F (Grison); March from "Eli" (Costa).
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GRAND NAVAL and MILITARY TATTOO, in aid of Rockdale Memorial Hall.—Victoria Barracks, Paddington, TUES., Jan. 5, at 8 o'c. Grand Spectacular Entertainment, the Massed Bands, 350 Men, Massed Bands, will Play a stirring Programme of Music. The Grand Descriptive Fantasia, "A Soldier's Life," in which the Battle Scene is made more realistic by the firing of Rifles and Heavy Guns. First time in Australia. Grand Entry of Brigaded Bands, Marching with Torches Ablaze. Fanfares by massed trumpeters. Calls by massed buglers. Grand March by Scottish Pipers. Admission: Officers' Gate, 3s; Public Gate, 1s.

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AUTUMN MEETING, 1904.

APRIL 2nd, 4th, 6th, 2nd 9th, 1904.

APRIL 2nd,
THE DONCASTER HANDICAP,
handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, 5 ft, or 1 sov only if declared by MONDAY, 14th March, 1904, with 1000 sovs added; for all horses; the owner of the second horse to receive 200 sovs, and the owner of the third 100 sovs from the prize; weights on such day as the committee may appoint. The winner of any handicap race of the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb extra, of any such race of the value of 200 sovs 10lb extra. The last forfeit to be paid to the A.J.C. Secretary before 4 p.m. on the THURSDAY preceding the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. One mile.
Nominations accompanied by first forfeit of 1 sov, to be made with the Secretary A.J.C., Sydney, or V.R.C., Melbourne, before 4 o'clock p.m., on MONDAY, January 4th, 1904.

APRIL 4th,
THE SYDNEY CUP,
handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, half ft, or 2 sovs if declared by MONDAY, 14th March, 1904, with 2000 sovs added; the owner of the second horse to receive 300 sovs, and the owner of the third 150 sovs from the prize; weights on such day as the committee may appoint. The winner of any handicap race of the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra, of two or more such races, or of any one such race of the value of 200 sovs, 7lb extra, of any such race of the value of 500 sovs, 10lb extra. The winner of the V.R.C. or A.J.C. St. Leger of 1904 to carry 5lb extra, if handicapped below that weight. The last forfeit to be paid to the A.J.C. Secretary before 4 p.m. on the THURSDAY preceding the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. Two miles.
Nominations, accompanied by first forfeit of 2 sovs, to be made with the Secretary A.J.C., Sydney, or V.R.C., Melbourne, before 4 o'clock p.m., on MONDAY, January 4th, 1904.

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For full particulars see Programmes.
ENTRIES CLOSE at 4 p.m. on MONDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1904.
W. L. DAVIS, Secretary.
Office, 198 Pitt-street.

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA OF 1904.

MONSTER AQUATIC DEMONSTRATION, to be held on the Waters of Port Jackson,

TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1904.

ROWING EVENTS.
8.—10.30 a.m., MAIDEN FOURS (Amateurs); trophies, only.
8.—11 a.m., SCULLING HANDICAP (Amateurs); trophy, £3 3s. Entrance fee, 5s.
8.—11.30 a.m., SERVICE CUTTERS (Imperial and Foreign Men of War and Local Forces); 1st, £5; 2nd, £2. Entrance, nil.
8.—12 noon, SENIOR FOURS (Amateurs); trophies, £10 10s. Entrance fee, £1.
8.—12.30 p.m., SCULLING HANDICAP (All-comers); 1st, £15; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2. Entrance fee, £1.
9.—2.15 p.m., JUNIOR FOURS (Amateurs); trophies, £6 6s. Entrance fee, £1.
9.—2.45 p.m., SERVICE WHALERS, Gallleys and Gigs (Imperial and Foreign Men of War and Local Forces), Handicap; 1st, £5; 2nd, £3. Entrance, nil.
9.—3.15 p.m., PARRAMATTA RIVER NAVAL CADETS; trophies, £5. Entrance, nil.
9.—3.45 p.m., JUNIOR PAIRS (Amateurs), in boats built for Club Practice Tubs; trophies, 1st, £3 3s; 2nd, £1 1s. Entrance fee, 10s.
10.—4.15 p.m., SOBRAON BOYS, in Cutters; 1st, £4; 2nd, £1. Entrance, nil.
11.—4.55 p.m., TUB RACE; prize, £1 for best turnout. Entrance, nil.
12.—4.45 p.m., GIG AND DINGY CHASE (Sobraon Boys); prize, £1. Entrance, nil.

The above events will be governed by the Rules of the N.S.W. Rowing Association.

ENTRIES CLOSE JANUARY 16th, 1904, at 9 p.m.

SAILING EVENTS.
1.—10 a.m., MODEL YACHTS (Handicap); 1st, £1 10s; 2nd, 15s. Entrance fee, 2s 6d.
2.—10.15 a.m., MOTOR LAUNCHES over 25ft (Handicap); 1st, £5; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. Entrance fee, 10s.
3.—10.30 a.m., DINGIES, 8ft (Handicap); 1st, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. Entrance fee, 2s 6d.
4.—10.45 a.m., DINGIES, 9ft (Handicap); 1st, £3; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. Entrance fee, 5s.
5.—11 a.m., DINGIES, 10ft (Handicap); 1st, £3 10s; 2nd, £1 10s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance fee, 5s.
6.—11.15 a.m., ALL CANOES (Handicap); 1st, £2 10s; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. Entrance fee, 5s.
7.—11.30 a.m., GENERAL HANDICAP, BOATS 18ft and UPWARDS; 1st, £8; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. Entrance fee, 10s.
8.—12 noon, YACHTS, 30 RATING and OVER, Time by Rating (under Y.R.A. linear measurement Rules); 1st, £12 12s; 2nd, £6 6s; 3rd, £3 3s. Entrance fee, £1 1s.
10.—2 p.m., ALL YACHTS (Handicap); 1st, £8 8s; 2nd, £4 4s. Entrance fee, £1 1s.
11.—2.15 p.m., SERVICE BOATS UNDER CANVAS, open to Imperial and Foreign Men of War and Colonial Naval and Military Forces; 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. Entrance, free.
12.—2.30 p.m., DINGIES, 14ft (Handicap); 1st, £5; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. Entrance fee, 7s 6d.
13.—2.45 p.m., CRUISERS' RACE (Handicap), under S.A.S. Club Rules; 1st, £6; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. Entrance fee, 10s.
14.—3 p.m., BOATS, 18ft (Handicap); 1st, £12; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £3. Entrance fee, 15s.
15.—3.15 p.m., ALL BOATS (Handicap), sails limited to jib, mainsail, and topsail, unlimited crews, no booming out; 1st, £6; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. Entrance fee, 10s.
16.—3.30 p.m., SAILING SKIFFS (Handicap), under P.J.S.S.C. Rules; 1st, £5; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. Entrance fee, 7s 6d.
17.—3.45 p.m., MOTOR LAUNCHES, 25ft and under (Handicap); 1st, £3; 2nd, £2; 3rd, 10s. Entrance fee, 5s.

NOTE.—Sailing Events Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, are open only to recognised Club Boats. The remaining events are open to all-comers. The Yacht Races will be sailed under the Sydney Yacht Racing Association Rules. All other events will be governed by the Rules of the New South Wales Sailing Council.

ENTRIES will be received by the Hon. Secretaries, at the Committee Rooms, 77 Pitt-street, and close finally:
ROWING EVENTS—SATURDAY EVENING, January 16th, at 9 p.m.;
SAILING EVENTS—SATURDAY EVENING, January 16th, at 9 p.m.

THE OFFICIAL NUMBERS to be carried in Sailing and Motor Launch Races and in Sailing events must be properly displayed one on each side of the centre of the mainsail. The numbers may be obtained from the Hon. Secretaries on Thursday and Friday, 21st and 22nd January, between 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
PRIZES are subject to alteration by the Committee.

All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretaries, Box 32, Haymarket P.O.
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SAILING.—Sydney Dingy Club's 10ft and 14ft RACES TO-DAY. The LADY MARY leaves Stephen-street, Balmain, at 2.30 p.m.; Point-street 2.35, Darling-street 2.45, and Fort Macquarie 3.10. Gentn., 1s; Ladies, 6d.

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LXVIII.—Continued.

THE POOR THINGS.

"J. Percy Crowninshield—Jock." Nan's voice broke a little. "Jock, it is a sheet of manuscript music. At the top is this—

THE HEART OF SORROW
A Song
FROM THE OPERA OF PENSEZ-VOUS
By
NANCY MERIVAL AND
J. PERCY CROWNINSHIELD."

"Spare me the song," said I.

"Yes. But, Jock," said Nan, with suspicions of tears.

"The idiot!" said I, with some heat at Nan's tribute to him.

"No, Jock, please," begged Nan. "They came with the flowers."

"Did none of them have such a thing as a visiting-card?"

There was, once more, a little laugh from Nan.

"No!"—as if Nan were glad! Then—"Yes! Here it is. Mr. Fillmore P. Chugg."

It was a very flexible and very small card, with one side glazed. I could feel no engraving on its smooth surface.

"Written, I suppose?" laughed I.

"Yes," said Nan, "by a great expert with the pen. It is a bird running away with something in its mouth. The name is on that—something taken from a clothesline!"

Nan laughed again.

"There is another piece of the same thing at the other side. I have just discovered it. With something written on it. I wonder if it is dreadful?"

"Read it," laughed I.

Nan read: "'Si peccavi ignosce.' I think I've seen it in the back of the dictionary."

"You have," said I, "and——"

"Is it dreadful, Jock?"

"It means, 'I have sinned; forget it!'"

Nan was not sure whether or not to laugh. But she finally did it.

"Jock, your translation must be a little—free."

We both laughed at this.

"It always seemed strange that you should surround yourself with such—harpies when——your money was all—"

"Jock," interrupted Nan, with infinite softness, "these roses cost at least a dollar apiece. There are two dozen of them."

"Well," said I, "what of that?"

"Jock"—still more softly, as she returned to my side and knelt on the floor—"remember that the palmist almost never missed my tea. And he always emptied the cracker-jar—no, not quite. He would leave one. Sometimes only a piece of egg. But he was very polite about it. He would wait till I wasn't looking—or had got up to get something. When they were all gone for enough minutes to be polite, he would go to the window, whistling, and I would pretend to be doing something else, while I filled the jar again. Once we were both splendidly fooled. I had no more. When he came back and gaily put his hand into the jar—I had to go away a minute. He went a minute later. He was so thin and hollow-cheeked! I was glad of any excuse to feed him! I was glad the dramatist had enough money presently to buy the frock-coat. His trousers, you know. Oh, Jock, I liked to pay for his poor recitations! And the mandolinist—Jock, when I first knew him he had three strings tied with red twine—such as the apothecaries use—below the bridge. You remember there was only one when you saw him. And the palmist—violinist— I suppose it is really necessary for palmists and violinists to have nice cuffs. It spoils the music and the air of truth so to see them fringed—and not very clean. Jock, one day I came in suddenly, and he—the violinist—was trimming off the fringes with the little scissors I kept at the corner of the mantle for Gluck Jock, you've seen the poet's shoes! Nothing gives one away like shoes; And the palmist, who quite hated him because he, too, ate a good many more biscuits than was polite (but Gluck said more than was good for him), told me that he had no waistcoat, that that was why he always wore his coat buttoned! Jock, you couldn't take my money—nor me! They would—thank God!"

"Yes, you were the good angel for the lot of them! The happy scamps! Nan, forgive me! No wonder they adored you!"

"Jock, they had no one but me! I had no one but them. I have not now."

"Ah—that was enough—if they had you!"

"I don't think there was a soul in the world who cared for them—but me. And, Jock, I was so lonely! And everybody else kept away, way off! Oh, I had no one but them! And, oh, it was sweet to know that there was someone who would die for you!"

I laughed a little incredulously.

"Would they?"

"Yes," said Nan, very simply. "Every one of them!"

I tried to laugh my doubt of this into Nan's heart. But the shaft only returned to wound my own.

"Jock—forgive me—I do not mean it nastily; but, oh, my Jock, there is not one of them—not one! do you hear?—who would not be proud and glad to let me wear his dead mother's wedding-ring!"

Ah, how that struck through and through my heart and showed me myself! And what followed—and what I seemed to know would follow—from Nan only wounded the wound afresh!

"And Jock—my dear, dear Jock—whatever you may think of them, you must not think their mothers are less sacred, less immaculate than yours. You must not think they love them less, revere them less—nor that in giving me their mother's ring they would be giving less than you!"

"Nan, don't!" I cried, as if for mercy. "You are not only pouring coals—you are pouring them into my heart! Upon its wounds!"

"I will stop, Jock. I don't want to hurt you. I want to bear all the hurt myself—as I deserve. But I do want someone to adore me! Someone to believe in me—trust me—take me—keep me!"

"Nan, I——" I began.

"Oh, if you knew how a woman needs that! How I need it more than any! And how I have had to pretend that I need it less!"

Again I essayed to speak.

"No, no, no! Not you! You cannot. But, oh, Jock! I want them—I want them—I want them! You must let me have them back! I cannot be alone! It is too dreadful!"

"No, no, no, Nan, dear," I said.

"They are all I have!"

"After you take me back—and the ring?"

I held it out to her.

"Jock, don't, don't! You tempt me cruelly. And don't call me dear! It is sacrilege—a lie! Let us not lie! You said, when you took it, 'Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting.' Don't offer me the ring!"

I had slipped it on her finger. Now she knew, and tried fiercely to dislodge it. I did as she told me—held it fast.

"With all my heart, dear Nan," I begged.

"With all your heart? Are you sure? Oh, Jock! If you were sure—I'd keep it!"

"Your Poor Things have taught me my lesson. Have they taught you none?"

"Why, Jock! Yes! They have forgiven me!"

"Forgive me!"

"You?"

Nan passed her hands over mine as I had seen her do as a child when she was tired. I took them and held them long at my lips.

Nan took them away, and put her own lips there.

"Nan," I said, "in that we abandon everything but each other. Honour—if still it needs me—Cawdor—whether or not he still needs me—Aunt Izzy, to whom I have a duty——"

"Jock, let me tell you again—they are all washed away in my dishonour. There is no one but you and me."

"I shall think of no one but you," I said.

"And, Jock, I of you! All—all my life!"

So we sat there, having left the world behind at last, to plunge forward alone—together!

"Jock," whispered Nan, "you make me so happy—that—— May I cry?"

I said she might, and she did—a lovely gust of rain and storm.

Then—

"Jock, forgive what I said about your mother. I am not often like that. I will never, never, be—if you let me keep the ring—with all your heart! I am not like her. I am a sinner. Oh, I wish you were a sinner, too. Please be a sinner—just a little one—for me!" I assured Nan that I would not only be one, but that I had always been a sinner. Nevertheless, that I would be as much more of a sinner as would add to her happiness.

"It will be much better that way, Jock, dear. Then I can always feel as good as you!"

"Better, my dear sweetheart," said I.

"Say it again, sweet-heart!" begged Nan.

I did.

And then Nan ended the rather tragic incident by saying—

"And, Jock, I didn't mean that about the archangel—and heaven—and love—and torture—not one word. I had better have said damn and be done with it. Vox, et praeterea nihil."

I was happy to think that she did not. I told her so. Because if ever I should become an archangel it would be awkward.

"Jock, that was the last of that old, ugly Nan who used to say the damns—indeed it was! I must live up to my grey hairs!"

"Nan," said I, "even as my wounds are, as you say, for you, by you, so are your grey hairs for me, by me. My scars, when you see them, and grey hair, when I see it, ought to be an irrefragable bond between us!"

(To be continued.)

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CRICKET.

There have been many books about cricket, which is now rapidly developing a literature of its own. There have been books which appeal to the record-maker, books which appeal to the historian of social manners and customs, books which deal technically with what is a trial of skill rather than a game, and books which admirably combine the best in all these and other kinds of works about cricket. An admirable specimen of this last-named class is "Cricket," edited by Horace G. Hutchinson in "The 'Country Life' Library of Sport" ("Country Life" and George Newnes). Here we have an interesting account of the main features and the prominent players of the game from the earliest times down to the present. The quaint illustrations which plentifully besprinkle the pages of the handsome volume are in themselves a valuable contribution to the history of cricket. The portly and sedate gentlemen in the tall hats wielding the curious club of prodigious curve are the cricketing ancestors of Trumper and Foster, whilst the awe-inspiring sketches of maids and matrons who played cricket in the past remind us that it was not left to the recently enfranchised women of Australia to first adventure in the national game.

Nor are these sketches the only humorous things in the book. Every cricketer has his story of wonderful achievements, by himself or others, with the bat or ball, and in not a few cases is this story more or less mirth-provoking. But not every cricketer has enjoyed the same opportunities of collecting such stories as Mr. H. G. D. Leveson-Gower, who contributes a chapter to this volume, entitled "Country-House Cricket." He admits indeed, that he has not enjoyed the prime of this sort of cricket, which he reckons to have been a tradition amongst his seniors. "Don't you know," he asks, "the type of jolly old buffer, aged anything between 55 and 70, with a big voice, bigger presence, and cheery disposition, when the gout does not give him a twinge, who lights a cigar, pulls down his shirt-cuffs, and has a twinkle in his eye at the very mention of country-house cricket?" Still our authority has his yarns to tell—a couple of them at the expense of a genuine sportsman, who bids fair to be as popular in Australia as he is in England, the United States, Canada, the West Indies, South Africa, New Zealand, and wherever else he has played cricket.

"I have had so many years of comradeship with 'Plum' Warner," runs the first of these stories, "that he must forgive me if I spin a yarn or two about him. I was in the habit of taking an eleven each year against Mr. Charles Goschen's team, an ideal country-house cricket match. To my dismay, for I was always anxious to win, we were once decidedly weak in bowling, and we knew Warner was playing for Mr. Charles Goschen's eleven. So after grave consultation we decided that, as we were never likely to bowl him out by fair means, we would do it by foul. We pressed on him to accept an invitation to stay overnight before the match. Now, my old friend is most abstemious, but on this occasion the far-famed claret of our host, dexterously administered by the opposing team, had considerable effect. He was earnestly solicited to give his opinion on every vintage we could find, and the spoon might have stood up in the whisky dashed with soda which was mixed for his nightcap. On the morrow, when he was out before he ran into double figures, we decided that Bacchus was the best bowler on our side."

The other story is not of this kind, but Mr. Leveson-Gower pleads that it is new in print, and may therefore be allowed to slip in. "It happened when I was captain of Oxford, and I think the match was against the Australians. Those who merely study cricket scores may not be aware that Warner has a high opinion of his own persuasiveness as a change bowler. His actual figures for life up to 1902, in first-class cricket, drawn from Mr. Home Gordon's 'Cricket Form at a Glance,' are only three wickets for 196 runs, which only shows how bad is the judgment of modern captains. If he had been permitted the persistency of K. S. Ranjitsinhji, he would probably have captured more wickets. Last season, when he was captain, he failed to disturb the balls to the tune of 51 runs, which proves his modesty. I have known captains go on to bowl first, and stay on through the whole innings, but of such certainly is not my old friend. However, in the match in question, when our opponents wanted about six runs to win, and I don't know how many wickets to fall, I chucked the ball to 'Plum.' 'Ridley and Cobden won't be in it,' observed one of the fieldsmen, and in memorial was written this rhyme:—

Little Plum Warner stood in a corner,
Thinking he'd like to bowl.
The captain said 'Hem,
I will put on Plum,
He may get me out of this hole."

But, and to relate, he did not."

But it is not only as the hero of these stories that Mr. Warner figures in "Cricket." He contributes an interesting chapter on "Batting," wherein he gives such excellent advice, and so plainly, that the intelligent reader finds it to be his own fault if he does not straightaway blossom into a Noble or a Hill. The wise saws are judiciously mingled with modern instances, and it is noteworthy that in this chapter, as, indeed, throughout the book, a plentiful tribute is in this way paid to Australian players. According to the testimony of the English contributors to this volume, there is no finer bat than Victor Trumper, or bowler than Trumble, or point than Noble, or cover-point than Gregory, and so on. "Batsmen who are quick on their feet," says Mr. Warner in his chapter on "Batting," "often jump out to the pitch of a ball, and thereby make it a half-volley. Victor Trumper, the finest batsman Australia has ever produced, is the great exponent of this stroke, and the rapidity with which he gets to the ball is astonishing." In another place he refers to the same player as amongst the seven "best batsmen we have under conditions favourable to the bowler." Mr. Warner's other contributions to the book are descriptions of his cricketing tours abroad.

The Earl of Darnley, better known in Australia as the Hon. Ivo Bligh, captain of the English team of 1882-3, writes an account of "Earlier Australian Cricket," an account in which he deals with much acumen and knowledge with phases of cricket life and cricket prowess in Australia. We are so much accustomed to hearing of the benefits that result to Australia from the visits of representative English cricketers that we are apt to forget that there is another side to be considered; and here Lord Darnley may be taken as an authority. "How profoundly this interchange of cricketing visits has influenced the course of cricket in England can hardly be too much insisted upon. Without them a representative English Eleven would have never been seen in the field at all, and how great a loss this fact alone would have been to the cricketing world, both of players and spectators, can hardly be overstated. That our Australian cousins should so soon have been able to tackle us on even terms, in spite of their vastly smaller population and their comparatively small number of first-class matches, must always be a somewhat humbling problem for our cricketing philosophers. Certainly they have the advantage of a longer cricketing season, and a greater likelihood of finding the weather sufficiently fine to ensure their cricket being played on good wickets. In this last factor we may probably find the key to the whole matter, and, favourable conditions being their normal experience, we may always look with confidence to them for a very high level of play, and one that will tax to the utmost the capacity of our best players."

Another ex-captain of an English Eleven in Australia, in the shape of Mr. A. C. MacLaren, contributes the history of "English and Australian Cricket from 1894 to 1902." The chapter abounds in generous references to Australian players, and there is certainly no sign of that querulousness which the author would seem, according to his adverse critics, to have developed of late. For the rest, Trumble is evidently his hero amongst Australian players. Thus he is writing about the fourth test match in A. E. Stoddart's second tour: "Hill and Trumble," he writes, "dug their side out of a nasty hole, 165 being put on for the seventh wicket. Hill played his finest innings of the season, and it is quite possible that the South Australian was at his very best about this time. Trumble once again came to the rescue, and I cannot bring to mind any player who has so often come off at a pinch." And of Trumble as a bowler our author says at the close of his summary of the doings of the 1902 Australian Eleven: "Trumble always made it as near a certainty as possible that few runs would be made against him, provided the wicket gave him the slightest assistance, thanks to his accuracy of length, together with his wonderful knowledge of each batsman pitted against him, which he used to the full, and to me he appeared to bowl almost better than ever." Of Noble he says that "when he was caught at his best, as in the test at Sheffield, he carried all before him, and I still think he bowls a more difficult ball than any other bowler to-day."

There are excellent articles on "Bowling" by D. L. A. Jephson, on "Fielding," by S. L. Jessop, and on other subjects by various writers; not the least interesting of which is a chapter on "Amateurs and Professionals," that vexed and delicate subject, by the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton.

PERSONALIA.

The entertaining writer who conceals his identity under the pen-name "Sigma" has collected in "Personalia" (a copy of which comes to us from Messrs. Angus and Robertson) sketches and anecdotes of various personages he has met in the course of a life singularly fortunate in social opportunities. He warns us that his book is not intended for "that much-informed minority who perceive in every anecdote a 'chestnut,' and in every jest a 'Joe Miller,' but rather for the larger and less-favoured section of the public who dwell, so to speak, outside the radius of omniscience." In the which enviable majority may we assume without offence to count our readers.

"Sigma" begins ab ovo, and takes us back to the Harrow of the early sixties, in the time of the second Administration of Lord Palmerston, himself an old Harrovian, and much beloved and esteemed by Harrovians such as our author. "Brave, buoyant old Pam!" he exclaims. "Right well is he pourtrayed by that noble line in 'Maud': 'One of the simple great ones gone who could rule and dared not lie.' We have had many statesmen since, some of them good and true; but he was the last of the old stalwart breed that made the name of England the proudest in the universe." Palmerston did not love his ambitious colleague, Gladstone. "After me," he used to say, "Gladstone will have it all his own way; and then, mark my words, there will be the very devil." Harrow was not gentle with men it did not love. Lord John Russell, for instance, was hissed at "Speecher," and so was Bishop Colenso, whose views on the Pentateuch were not fortunate enough to commend themselves to the favour of the orthodox boys. "Sigma" quotes verses which expressed the popular view with regard to this divine:

There was once a Bishop Colenso
Who counted from one up to ten, so
He proved the Levitical
Books to eyes critical
Unmathematical.
And he's gone out to tell the black men so.

There is a good story about Lord Brougham being so moved with gratification at a compliment paid to him on speech-day that he sat violently down on his hat, and was much enraged afterwards to find that a policeman, shocked at the dilapidated state of his headgear, contemptuously declined to accept his unsupported statement that he was really Lord Brougham, sometime Lord High Chancellor of England. "Sigma," too, has much to tell us about Disraeli's Marquis of Bute, about "Billy" Westcott, as the irreverent schoolboys styled the master who was to be known as a great scholar and Bishop of Durham; about the late Dean Farrar, who "agreed to become our Lord's biographer for a stipulated sum," and then bemoaned his hard fate because the publishers would not give him a larger honorarium over and above this sum than a cheque representing something like four figures. Like a good Briton Farrar complained to the "Times," and "not content with this form of protest, he imported his indignation into the social circle by setting before his friends at a dinner-party a pudding ostentatiously deficient in any kind of condiment, which was defined in the menu as "Publisher's Pudding"—a painfully elaborate jest which, needless to say, such of his guests as were given to good living regarded with tempered appreciation." Then there was Lord George Hamilton, whose fellows knew him as "Squash," and who can little have thought in those days that he would in process of time retire from a Conservative Cabinet because he did not see eye to eye with a colleague—and that colleague Mr. Chamberlain of all men! Another Harrovian of the time was Randall Davidson, now Archbishop of Canterbury, and the first man educated at Harrow to fill that great position. He furnishes "Sigma" with an instance of the "unexpected." "At Harrow," he says, "he displayed no special ability, and though compelled by an untimely accident to content himself at Oxford with a 'pass' degree, his previous university record had scarcely augured any conspicuous achievement in the Harrow schools." Archbishop Tait was much impressed with him, and he introduced him to the notice of Queen Victoria, and he, the fortune of the young man, who had married the Archbishop's daughter, was made. Sir Francis Jeune was another Harrovian of the day, and "Sigma" is inclined to regard with grave disapproval the caperings in society of the President of the Divorce Court.

Of lawyers "Sigma" has much to say—too much, perhaps, of Mr. Edwin James, who never let himself be forgotten or overlooked in his lifetime, but whom his enemies and his friends (if he had any) might well allow to rest unnoticed now. "Sigma" has a great admiration for "strong" Judges, and he tells of one such, Mr. Justice Byles, that, noticing the examining counsel in a case of riotous affray being in difficulties with his witness, a navvy, he recommended that the man should be allowed to give his evidence after his own fashion. "Come, my man," said the Judge reassuringly, "we must get to the end of this; suppose you tell the story in your own way?" "Well, my Lord," broke out the navvy, greatly relieved at being delivered from his tormentor, "yer see, it was like this—we met the sodgers on the bridge, and one of 'em says to me, 'Good mornin' 'Good mornin', yer——;'" but before the specimen of appalling vernacular that followed was well articulated, Mr. Justice Byles had fled precipitately from the bench, with, no doubt, a mental resolution never again to invite a witness of the navigating order to tell his story in his own way." Of Lord Coleridge "Sigma" has little good to tell; he reserves his admiration for Lord Justice Bowen, to whom Coleridge was so greatly indebted when at the bar. "Lord Bowen," he says, "was probably the only Judge who, on being summoned on an emergency to the dread ordeal of taking Admiralty cases, entered upon his doom with a pleasantry. After explaining to the counsel of that consummately technical tribunal the reason of his presiding over it on the occasion in question, and warning them of his inexperience in this particular branch of practice, he concluded his remarks with the following quotation from Tennyson's beautiful lyric, then recently published:

"And may there be no moaning of the Bar
When I put out to sea."

It would have been interesting to hear Tennyson's comments on this sacrilege—supposing he heard that it had been committed.

"Sigma" has plainly no liking for William Wilberforce, the would-be reclaimer of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, or his son, "Soapy Sam," of Oxford. Browning though he dearly loved a lord, and Swinburne, though at one time he had a wholesale contempt for Tennyson's poetry, were more to his taste. Swinburne was an old Etonian, and wished he hadn't been, and he told "Sigma" why. Admiral Swinburne, his father, came down to Eton once to take him home for the holidays. "My father," Swinburne dolorously explained, "had never been at a public school and had no knowledge whatever of its manners and customs. In fact, it was quite superfluous his coming down to escort me home, a parental attention which is never paid to any public school boy. However, like most naval officers, he was a trifle arbitrary and, whether customary or not, he was resolved to come. In getting into the train for Paddington, as bad luck would have it, he chanced to enter a carriage in the corner of which, reading the 'Times,' was snugly ensconced the then headmaster of Eton. 'Isn't that Dr. ——?' whispered my father to me, peering curiously in the direction of the headmaster. 'I believe it is,' I stammered reluctantly. 'Believe it is!' rejoined my father caustically. 'You must surely know your own headmaster!' Then, clearing his throat and raising his voice, to my consternation, he bent forward, and airily accosted the awful presence behind the 'Times' with, 'Dr. ——, I believe, sir.' The doctor, incensed at being interrupted by a perfect stranger, glanced at my father round the sheet of the paper, and said testily, 'Yes, sir; at your service.' Well, sir,' rejoined my father, jerking a finger in my direction, 'my boy here has just finished his first term at Eton, and I should very much like to know what account you can give me of him.' Now," continued Mr. Swinburne, with almost tragical solemnity, "as a matter of fact, Dr. —— had never set eyes on me, and probably did not even know of my existence; but enraged, I suppose, at my father's rather unconventional interruption, which he no doubt considered a slight on his dignity, he glanced down at me with a scarlet face, and said deliberately, 'Your boy, sir—your boy is one of the very worst in the school!' and then entrenched himself once more behind the 'Times.' My father looked volumes, but said nothing till we got out at Paddington. Then the storm burst. In vain I protested that Dr. —— knew nothing whatever about me, and had only said what he had out of pure vexation at being disturbed. 'Do you think,' said my father, 'that I am going to take your word before that of the headmaster?' And I was sentenced to deprivation of all pleasures and privileges for the duration of the Christmas holidays."

There are stories here of all sorts of men—Disraeli, Lord Rowton, the Master of Balliol, Dickens and Thackeray, Carlyle, Lord Goschen and Lord Milner, Lord Randolph Churchill, and a host of ecclesiastics and lawyers. A book to take up and while away pleasant half-hours withal.

THE NOVEMBER REVIEWS.

MORLEY'S "LIFE OF GLADSTONE."

"Mr. Morley has done his best," writes Mr. Augustine Birrell, K.C., in the "Contemporary," "to make his man live, and move, and re-enact his strenuous being in these three volumes, and has brought to bear on his tremendous task not only great and highly cultivated literary gifts, and abundant charm born of books and meditative reading, but a lofty spirit and a mellow wisdom." The article is a fine piece of reviewing. Mr. Birrell appreciates the difficulties of the subject and the qualifications of the biographer. He finds in the book philosophy, passion, scholarship, party feeling, and the suggestion of an infinity of thoughts. Yet Morley himself is kept rigorously in the background. He is not met in these pages as a man, but he pervades them as a temper, a spirit, a wandering voice. Though his hand is visible everywhere, Birrell finely says, the effect produced upon the reader is to leave him alone with Mr. Gladstone. On the point of the biographer's lack of sympathy with Mr. Gladstone's religious opinions and ecclesiastical predilections, the reviewer is at issue with those who would regard it as a disqualification. The objection, he thinks, is an aspersion on human nature and an insult to art. The book is for the world, and the faintest trace in its composition of the Diocesan Anglican Training College must have destroyed its catholicity. The book is spoken of as an exciting one—"a great and exciting drama." Dramaturgist, rather than biographer, the reviewer calls Mr. Morley.

THE TARIFF.

The outlook in British politics is dealt with by Mr. J. A. Spender in a paper on the Party situation in the "Contemporary," and in papers by "Autonomos," "Calchas," and L. L. Price in the "Fortnightly." Mr. Spender's contribution does justice to the stanch little band of freetraders within the Government who have stood for the old faith. Mr. Ritchie's services are amply vindicated. The writer summarises the Balfour position thus: The Chamberlain policy of preferences and food taxes is not popular, and threatens disaster to the Unionist party; but Mr. Chamberlain's proposals in regard to retaliation and protection against foreign competition are, from this point of view, much more desirable; therefore, though Mr. Balfour is in sympathy with Mr. Chamberlain, he agrees for the time being to part company with him, leaving him free to agitate on the more advanced and less popular lines, while he, the Prime Minister, confines himself to the subsidiary and more popular part of the scheme. By way of forecasts, he says that (1) these two sections may coalesce, Mr. Chamberlain having swept away all distinction, (2) a strong Liberal party will have every kind of advantage, or (3) the freetrade Unionist or Freefooders are obstructed by the Educational Act. Mr. Spender does not place much trust in Mr. Chamberlain's figures. It is important, he says, to do his sums over again and do them right, and to expose the little group of statistical devices by which the records of British trade are made to belie their own plain tale of great and continuous prosperity.

"Autonomos" is concerned about "Pinchbeck protectionism." It is evident that Mr. Balfour has puzzled most writers on this tariff question. We read here that he had practically surrendered to the protectionists, and that in point of principle there is little difference between his views and those of Mr. Chamberlain or the fairtraders. He quotes the "Times," which says that what he calls the two confederates are playing their game "with the skill of accomplished players at the card-table." Further on "Autonomos" lays it down that unless we are to have jobbery and boodling in all their worst forms, we cannot leave the arrangement of import duties—imposed or remitted with the direct object of altering the industrial balance from time to time—to a Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is also a party leader, and to an Annual Budget discussed in the House of Commons, but settled in the lobbies.

"Calchas" writes of "Mr. Chamberlain: the Protagonist and the Future." Some of his sentences are framed in a spirit of epigram. "If there is any decisively important individual upon the side of free imports," he says in one place, "it is not the ex-Premier, it is the inexhaustible cartoonist of the "Westminster Gazette." Mr. F. C. Gould has well earned the compliment. But Mr. Chamberlain is spoken of as the only political man of action with hands strong enough to wrench political superstitions out of their sockets and to lift political parties out of their ancient ruts. He is here described as the one living Englishman who interests the world at large, but "Calchas" apparently forgets that the traditions of sound political service in England do not favour the choice of that type of "star" politician. The paper, indeed, is a glorification of Mr. Chamberlain, and interesting from that point of view.

In Mr. Price's paper in the "Economic Prejudice Against Tariff Reform," we have an effort of much less sparkle. The writer goes patiently and in a solid spirit over much old ground, touching aspects which in the heat of party controversy just now will probably be regarded as academical.

MISCELLANEA.

Among the miscellaneous papers we find one on the relations of France and England with Morocco, Mrs. Fawcett's impressions of South Africa in 1901 and 1903, a paper on the Austro-Hungarian Deadlock, and another on the Education Act in the New Parliament. Andrew Lang writes in the "Fortnightly" about tribe and family, Alfred Stead deals with the question of Korea, and the Alaskan boundary question receives attention in a sketchy paper. The literary papers in the "Contemporary" include a paper on the syntax of De Quincey, by Vernon Lee, one on Georges Clemenceau as a political orator, and a notice of recent books. The "Fortnightly's" attention to literary subjects takes the form of papers on Watson's political poetry, the Alfieri centenary, Thackeray as a reader and critic, and a Celtic paper by Fiona Macleod.

MONEY AND MADNESS.

Is the wild scramble for the first of these things responsible for the alarming increase of the second? Physicians say that it is—that there is nothing else to which they can trace it. Throughout the world, but more especially in countries where education is most advanced and commercial rivalry keenest, the number of insane persons under restraint is very great and constantly increasing. The phenomenon is observed at its worst in great capitals, such as London and New York, while the dull, sleepy cathedral cities of the old world almost escape it. We live too fast. What our fathers were content to spend a life in accomplishing we rush through in three years. But nature objects. Sometimes that objection takes the form of death, sometimes of madness, most frequently of impaired digestion. The last, fortunately, can be cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup. That medicine goes to the root of the trouble, and by regulating the system and generally stimulating digestion, makes food nourish, and healthy vigour follows.—Advt.

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LIFE IN LONDON AND THEREABOUT.

(CHRONICLED BY HENRY W. LUCY.)

Noted Houses—Lord Salisbury and the Peerage—Our Army System—Quaint Illustrations—The Arnolds at Ambleside—Hats and Occupations.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 27.

The masterly policy of Mr. Balfour in lying low and sayin' nothin' is consistent with the plan of keeping Parliament together until Mr. Chamberlain and his antagonists have elucidated and ripened the opinion of the country. If this can be kept up, and so long as it can be kept up, the dissolution will be staved off. It is nobody's interest to have a dissolution just immediately. It still seems likely that until Mr. Chamberlain wants one we shall be spared the turmoil involved in recurring, as Lord Beaconsfield would have said, to the sense of the people.

The house that Edmund Burke used to occupy in London is now an Italian restaurant, whose proprietors make a reading-room of the apartment that was Burke's drawing-room. Here they keep a visitors' book, which discloses that people come from all parts to dine in the historic house. The house is in Gerrard-street, and is marked with one of those memorial tablets which are now being dotted all over London on the walls of houses once tenanted by men whose names live after them. To-day Lord Rosebery is "inaugurating the indication" (such is the phrase) of Lord Macaulay's house on Campden-hill, the house in which he died. It is in private occupation. But now it is possible that there will be great competition among hotelkeepers and others for the possession of Holly Lodge. Among the tablets to be put up shortly is one on the birthplace of Disraeli in Theobald's-road, now a noisy business thoroughfare, but close to Doughty-street, where also a tablet is about to be erected to commemorate the fact that Dickens used to live at No. 48.

There was a memorable scene in the closing days of the session of 1895, when Lord Wolmer having succeeded to the Earldom of Selborne, attempted to take his old seat in the House of Commons, held by favour of the electors of West Edinburgh. He was escorted by Mr. St. John Brodrick and Mr. George Curzon, now Viceroy of India, over whom equally hung the shadow of an inevitable peerage. A session or two earlier they had brought in a bill making it optional for the heirs of peerages on coming into their inheritance to declare a preference for a seat in the Commons. The bill did not reach the second reading, and the young heirs-apparent resolved to take advantage of the succession of one of them practically to test the question. Attention being called to the presence on the floor of the House of "a stranger," the Speaker called upon the new Earl to retire, which, after a colloquy eagerly followed by an amused House, he quietly did.

There is nothing new under the sun. I have not seen it mentioned in any biographical notices of Lord Salisbury published on his death. But a member of his family tells me that the Lord Cranborne of 1868 was, equally with his son-in-law, Lord Wolmer, disinclined to leave the House of Commons for the serener atmosphere of the House of Lords. He consulted a high legal authority on the subject, and was advised that he had no option but to obey the writ of summons to the House of Lords that would in due time reach him.

A Lancashire factory owner, the employer of 900 men, tells me a little story that would be incredible prior to the publication of the evidence given before the Royal Commission on the conduct of the war. When the campaign broke out a considerable number of his hands volunteered for the front. One day a couple presented themselves at the recruiting office. One was a prime workman, sober, industrious, strong, and healthy. The other was a comparative weakling, who stood low in the scale of workmen. To the great delight of the millowner, who greatly grudged his loss, the capable man returned with the news that whilst his companion had been accepted he was rejected. The grounds for this action were based on the fact that he had lost one of his front teeth, and was therefore ineligible for service in the British Army. On reflection it was remembered that formerly the army was furnished with muzzle-loaders, necessitating the biting-off of the cartridge before inserting it. Lack of a front tooth prevented a man performing this action, and a decree was promulgated from the War Office forbidding the enlistment of any man so incapacitated. It is more than 20 years since muzzle-loaders were abolished in the army. Every regiment is now supplied with breech-loaders, which do not require the biting-off process that incidentally led to the revolt of the Sepoys in India. Nevertheless, the regulation never having been withdrawn is in force to this day!

A parallel case of similar amazing stupidity is cited in the evidence given by no less a person than Earl Roberts before the War Commission. The Commander-in-Chief explained that it was the want of a properly organised transport department that, to the uneasy surprise of the public at home, so long delayed him in Cape Town. It appears, according to Lord Roberts' testimony, no transport scheme was recognised by the War Office for service away from railways. The only transport provided for the Army departed at Cape Town, with the few beleaguering Kimberley and Ladysmith, was the regimental first and second line, one carrying the ammunition and the regimental supplies for two days, the other being the regimental water-carts. "We had nothing else," said Lord Roberts, "and it was of course impossible, lacking other means of transport, to carry on war in a country where there was no railway to speak of, where we must operate at a distance from the line, where we must have transport for a certain number of days' supply for men and horses, and carry a certain amount of kit for everybody."

Being at Ambleside the other day, I turned in at the parish churchyard to visit the graves of the family of Dr. Arnold, of Rugby. He was buried elsewhere. But here, the centre of a little group, lies his wife, Mary, who died September, 1873, at the patriarchal age of 82. Other graves are those of Thomas Penrose Arnold, third son of the doctor, and Walter, his youngest. Not the least interesting of the tombstones is that erected to the memory of Mary Rowland, who died at Foxhow in her 79th year. An inscription records how it was placed there "by the family of the late Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, in remembrance of 56 years' faithful and devoted service." It was pretty to see how, though the graves have been closed many years, Mrs. Arnold's for 30, fresh flowers were laid upon them, not forgetting the faithful servant. Immediately facing the Arnold settlement is a memorial to W. E. Forster, who, like Dr. Arnold, long dwelt in the Lake country. He was buried in Wharfdale. But, it is engraved, "this stone was placed in dear remembrance of him, near his home in this valley, and among the mountains he loved."

A familiar peculiarity of Parliamentary life is the unwritten law which forbids a Whip to wear his hat during the sitting of the House. The first intimation I had of the establishment of an Independent Radical party in the Parliament of 1892-5 was seeing Mr. Jacoby go about the lobby without his hat. I asked him had he lost it. He told me of the birth of the new party, and of his acceptance of the office of Whip. The "party" lasted only long enough to complete the embarrassment of Lord Rosebery, attempting to struggle on with a majority of 40. Since the Liberal Ministry was beaten in the division lobby on the cordite question, Mr. Jacoby has resumed his hat. The Irish members are most jealous of their separation from other sections of the House. They will not even cross over when the regular Opposition come into office. But their Whip, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, is as punctilious in discarding his hat in the lobby as is Mr. Herbert Gladstone or Sir A. Acland-Hood.

Having had occasion of late to visit the city once or twice, I notice a development of the mystery. Clerks connected with stockbrokers' firms, finance corporations, and generally with the Stock Exchange, make it a point of honour to go about their business in the streets bareheaded. A Harrow boy would as soon go about the Hill or the playing fields with his trousers not tucked up as a stockbroker's clerk would think of putting on his hat to run over to a neighbouring office, the Bank, or the Exchange. Wet or fine, equally regardless of sunstroke or catarrh, they rush about bareheaded. There is some reason in this custom as imparting to young gentlemen an air of bustling business too urgent for them to waste a moment in putting on a hat. With the Parliamentary Whips the thing remains inexplicable.

A WOMAN'S LETTER.

THE COURT.

LONDON, Nov. 27.

We have had a short, sharp spell of frost, and very enjoyable it was while it lasted. To-day we are plunged into gloom and drizzle, the typical aspect of a November day.

The Royal visit terminated on Saturday morning, and the King and Queen of Italy left for their own home, very pleased, if all one hears is true, with what they saw in England. They were "done" right royally, and saw in the brief time they stayed here as much as possible of the country. London had them for one day entirely to herself, and Oxford-street—that fine, open thoroughfare, which is as a rule ignored in Royal functions—was a magnificent spectacle. It was cheery to see the flags out again, for since the conclusion of the South African war we have seen but little bunting. The beauty of Queen Elena and her Ladies in Waiting was universally commented upon. These ladies were of the true Roman patrician type, with beautiful features and fine eyes, looking magnificent in their rich furs and laces, one thought of Donna Corona and all the lovely ladies portrayed by the pen of Mr. Marion Crawford in the Italian novels we have had so much enjoyment from. He evidently drew his aristocrats from life.

Now the Court is on the move. The Queen is at Sandringham with Princess Victoria and Princess Charles, whose infant princeling seems a most satisfactory boy, and I imagine her Majesty will remain down in Norfolk until just before Christmas, when as a rule the King and Queen go to Windsor.

Windsor Castle has become much more "homey" since their Majesties use it so much. Our late Queen led the more domestic side of her life at Balmoral and Osborne, while her visits to London were conspicuously few.

The King is in perfect health, and surprises his entourage by the amount of physical exercise and amusement he can get through. His Majesty follows a very strict regime of diet, and as a consequence the courses of food at the domestic table of their Majesties are much curtailed. His Majesty has given up all sugary and starchy confections, and practises great self-restraint in the matter of his meals. I know on good authority that his dinner consists of a good clear soup, some game, and fruits. No puddings or ice creams, you notice, and his luncheon is likewise a simple one, merely a chop or some game. He eats toast and biscuits, no bread, and, alas that it should be necessary, his Majesty has had to discard muffins. He was, up to the time of his illness, an inveterate lover of muffins for afternoon tea, and at Sandringham afternoon tea was a big thing. The Royal family sat down to a large table spread, like a Scotch tea, with hot muffins, tea cakes, cream, and rich cakes—just the meal to tempt a hungry sportsman, or people newly returned from hunting. The doctors allow the King to drink whisky or burgundy and some aerated waters, while the vegetables sent to his table are dressed without rich sauces. It is now fashionable to curtail the dinner courses, and dinner, though most beautifully served, does not last the length of time it did.

DO WE EAT TOO MUCH?

A correspondence is going on in the columns of the "Daily Telegraph" under the heading of "Do We Eat Too Much?" and this person or that exploits their views. One cannot, of course, lay down any rule as to diet en masse. Men taking plenty of exercise in the open air seem to be able to eat heartily and digest their food. Those whose life is more sedentary have to be more careful. The heavy midday lunch is not for them. They do better to make their breakfast a substantial meal, and make the luncheon as light as possible. Dinner should not be delayed until 8 o'clock, which is the fashionable hour if the lunch is a mere sandwich and some beverage which suits the individual person. Afternoon tea, which is so refreshing during an afternoon in a close office, I think may well be indulged in, and nothing is more remarkable than the number of gentlemen who habitually take afternoon tea, either in the office or in one of the many tearooms which flourish in the city.

Of course the papers are full of recipes and patent medicines for reducing weight, and I know many people who try one remedy after the other, but in reality it is in diet that the true alleviation for "too solid flesh" is found, and dieting, if carefully done, need not become a penance. Hot water before you rise instead of tea, very dry toast for breakfast with but little butter, freshly stewed fruit or fresh fruit instead of jam, and in your country what is easier to have than fresh sun-ripened fruit! A glass of hot water at 11, and nothing fluid with your food. At lunch as much meat as you care to eat, with salads and green vegetables. Baked apples or fruit instead of a light farinaceous pudding. At 3, or soon after lunch, another glass of hot water. Afternoon tea can be quite bearable if you eat biscuits instead of bread and butter, or you can have dry toast if you are very stern with yourself. At dinner do not take soup unless it is clear. Meat again, green vegetables, salads, and stewed or baked fruit make up a very decent meal. Potatoes you may not have, even when at their newest! Before retiring, drink a long tumbler of hot water and lemon, and in about three months your dressmaker will make remarks, if no one else does, about the difference in your measurements. It is only when you have a new gown and certain etceteras that your women friends will ask you what you have been doing. Exercise taken moderately with this scheme of diet will help the cure, but over-stout women should not take violent exercise at all. Walking for a short time twice a day at moderate pace is worth more than one long walk which brings you in over-tired, and when the first glow of it is over you become rather chilly.

But this is the age of "Cures." Go where one will there is somebody going through a course for some ailment or other; especially the women whose lives are not full enough of occupation. To the average woman who has plenty to do nature seems to adapt herself, and compensates with a good digestion and a cheery outlook on the world in general.

THE WINTER FASHIONS.

You will be wanting to know what is worn and how the winter fashions can be arranged for the light summer things which are your portion, not ours, for Christmas.

There are two styles of dress. In the mornings, or in the country, and when you are taking exercise, the short costume is the only wear. The "trottoir" has become much smarter, and is the ideal wear for the damp, dirty weather with which England is beset in winter. The skirts are much shorter than last year. They should, indeed, be so far off the ground that there is no possibility of their touching the pavement. They should be very full round the edge and fit closely up from the thigh. In such a skirt you can golf or play hockey. I meet numbers of strapping young women carrying hockey sticks wearing the short skirt, a golf jersey matching in the colour, with a white vest, neat collar and tie and over all a long military coat. The hat of felt, with a flat rosette, like a cockade and a quill. Never have girls been so nicely dressed for their athletics. And the ruddy cheeks and bright dancing eyes show clearly how good for them is this exercise in the open air, to say nothing of the good fellowship that it engenders between girls and girls. For ceremonious dress you have the long skirt much trimmed, generally the "three-decker" type of skirt, with a flat centre-piece in front which breaks up the horizontal style of trimming, and is more becoming to the figure. The three shaped pieces are edged with broad bands of trimming, sometimes of velvet. The result is a little heaviness to which we are not yet accustomed, skirts have been for so many years so very slightly trimmed.

One dress of this kind I saw only a few days ago. Its wearer is a very lovely woman, and she knows how I admire a beautiful bird suitably plumaged. The gown was made of some soft Scotch tweed in wine colour, something like the deep warm hue you see in a glass of Burgundy. The three-decker pieces were edged with wine coloured velvet, each one headed by a braiding of narrow soutache matching in colour. The back of the skirt fitted closely, and the front was arranged with plaits going downwards edged with velvet. There was a little coat closely cut opening over a blouse made of pale warm lavender ribbons and lace insertion—a happy combination. The ruffles of lace in the big cuffed sleeves were very long and full, and fell some 15in deep at the back portion of the sleeve. These ruffles are the newest feature of winter models, and give even to a last year gown an air of freshness. With this costume my lovely friend wore a small toque of sable, with a flat crown and a brim of white felt bound with wine coloured velvet, with two bunches of shaded chrysanthemums on either side, tied at the back with bows of velvet, which fell on the hair. It was a most fetching toilette, and at the Savoy lunch to which she was bound must have excited no small amount of admiration. The wine colour of the gown threw up the clear skin and exquisite complexion of its wearer. And, lest you should think I am describing an Englishwoman, let me tell you at once this well-dressed woman was erstwhile a Sydney girl.

Dresses with blouse bodices matching them are worn for indoor use and for receptions when the carriage cloak or paletot is discarded. It is impossible to be comfortable in furs at a crowded at home; the rooms get too hot, and women do not look their best. Blouses are as much worn as ever, and like skirts fall into two types. For morning wear it is smart to be as severe as possible. The blouse is made by a tailor, with flat tucks, double stitched strappings, and appliques put on firmly and ornamented with some small stitchery. French knots and little fly stitches, or the edges may be buttonholed. A little touch of hand embroidery is very telling. And with such a blouse a linen collar made in the new pointed shape, with little hemstitchings intersecting the plain lines of the collar. These pointed collars are the newest thing this season, and fasten at the back without a tie or anything of that kind. In all cases the blouse should accord with the skirt, unless you wear white, and many of the tailors send a white cloth blouse home with the coat and skirt. For more dressy occasions the blouse is extremely elaborate. The fronts pouch, and are often of sunrayed pleating set into a deep flat yoke of lace and embroidery, with a high transparent collar; the yoke should reach over the shoulders, and, to be smart, must fit like a glove. The sleeves are tight at the tops, but are very full lower down. Finish them off with deep, full ruffles of lace net or chiffon, and you will find yourself in the front rank of fashion. Waterfall backs are coming in for thin gowns, for the kind of dress you wear at a smart table d'hote, where no one should wear a low dinner gown. One I saw was in black spot net, sunrayed and very long, worn with a front composed of three deep pointed flounces of Chantilly lace over glace silk, with pleated frills below; ruched at the edges with net. The bodice was low, with an inner guimpe of transparent lace, with a deep berthe falling from it, and full, much pleated, sleeves caught into deep, large cuffs, with ruffle of black lace and tulle alternately. This kind of gown could be worn high or low.

Glace silks are worn in good quality with much trimming round them, gatherings edged with a hanging frill or fringe in silk or jet, with a number of small frills at the bottom, each one ruched, either with pinked out silk or net.

I have seen a French gown which is made of peach-coloured cloth with large scrolls of appliqued panne of a slightly deeper tone, with a bolero to match, cut into scallops in the front edged with panne appliques closing on the chest, and showing below a crepe de chine blouse with long sleeves of the crepe made in leg-of-mutton shape, with puffed sleeves tapering to the wrist. This was a Doucet model, a house which is second to none for the beautiful feminine style of gowns as against the more severe tailor style.

Rough materials have a great vogue, and many imitations of fur are made in plushes. The craze for moleskin is exemplified by its being the favourite colour in cloths and in felt for hats. A moleskin-coloured cloth is often worn with a coat of moleskin plush lined with white satin and opening over an inner vest of embroidered cloth.

In short nothing is left undone to make dress rich and elegant. Were it possible to have the skirts more simple I should like them better. Trimmings shorten the figure, and one gets tired of them. The velvet or silk gets shabby before the cloth and loses colour, and in the end the well made plainly cut skirt, fitting nicely and having the correct slope and fullness in the right place, scores before any other.

HAIRDRESSING.

I noticed last night at the New Theatre how universal is the mode of dressing the hair high on the head. The craze for wearing the hair on the nape of the neck and much puffed over the ears has quite departed. Heads are smaller and neater, and though undulee the waves are much larger and further apart. The hair is pushed forward over the forehead, and the fulness at the sides rather combed up than standing away from the face. The coil is placed on the top of the head behind the front puff, and many ladies wear a broad bow of black velvet with loops standing out from the head. I think it is merely a bow of broad velvet with two loops on each side nipped together in the middle and pinned so that the loops stand out. Pinned into the bow one often sees a diamond arrow or a star.

It is a becoming fashion and suits fair or grey hair extremely well. I saw also several people wearing very light wreaths of green leaves, the leaves arranged loosely; very pretty they were on curly fair hair. But again I saw a Byzantine looking woman with her hair dressed high, but without undulation, closely coiled on the crown of her small head. She wore a large comb studded with turquoises, and a massive gold pin pushed through the coil. Many more people go to the theatre in smart high dresses than used formerly to be the case, and provided the gown is right and pretty it looks quite as well as the low gown, for the latter is nearly always covered up with a cloak and a broad stole of feathers.

TIME SIGNALS WITH WASHINGTON.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS BETWEEN OBSERVATORIES.

In our issue of yesterday it was stated that the Postmaster-General had agreed to an interchange of time signals between the observatories in the Commonwealth and that at Washington, United States. It was proposed by Washington that time signals should be sent at stated hours from each end, and Mr. H. A. Lenehan, the Acting Government Astronomer, took charge of the work in Sydney. He was, however, somewhat handicapped by the fact that the Telegraph Department here could not put the Observatory in direct communication with the telegraph system, so that he had to attend at the telegraph office and take the time of the signals in the operating room by eye and ear with the chronometer. If the Sydney Observatory had been so connected the remaining States of the Commonwealth would have been deprived of their connection. Had longer time been allowed for making preparations, this difficulty would have been surmounted. In order to understand what was done, it may be mentioned that the message received by the Postmaster-General stated that the Washington authorities, with the Pacific Cable Board's sanction, proposed to send time signals at 2.55, 3.55, and 4.55 p.m., ceasing on second beats, but omitting the twenty-eighth and last five seconds of each minute. The first signals should, therefore have come through at 2.55 p.m., but a message came instead, "Line beyond Vancouver failed." The second set, which came through at 3.55 p.m., was very good, but the contacts were not very regular, for the reason already stated. In this set the Observatory authorities found four breaks, corresponding to the 29 seconds, and four corresponding with the 55 to 60 seconds. The set finally sent at 1 a.m. from Washington agreed with our last contact, 3h 59m 20.9s p.m. In the third set Mr. Lenehan received the first contact at the end of the five seconds break, but he only received one other break of five seconds. On the 29 seconds break he received four intervals. This set was, therefore, not so satisfactory as the second. Then Mr. Lenehan received a message to the effect that the time signals would be changed at 5.55, the last 10 seconds of even hour being omitted. The fourth set should be changed by signal at the end of the 10 seconds space.

In the final set there were breaks, one of two seconds, two of three seconds, and two of six seconds each, while the finals of 10 seconds were received at Sydney at standard time 5h 59m 53.5s to 6h 0m 3.5s p.m. This, Mr. Lenehan believes, corresponds with 3 a.m. at Washington. After this he received the following message:—"That completes signals; thanks. Only three minutes for last; apparently interruption beyond Vancouver."

As regards the actual difference of time between Sydney and Vancouver and Washington, it may be stated that the last-named place is 5h 8m 15.58s west of Greenwich, while Sydney is 10h 4m 49.54s ahead of Greenwich, so that the actual sum of these will place Sydney rather more than 15 hours ahead of Washington. Roughly, therefore, 3 p.m. of our time corresponds with midnight at Washington. With the zone time adopted at Washington and Sydney the minutes and seconds over the 15 hours can be rejected, making our time 15 hours ahead of Washington.

As to the distance over which the signals travelled that portion represented by the cable between Southport, Queensland, and Vancouver is 7319 nautical miles, while the land line from Vancouver to Washington is about 3800 miles long. The distance from Brisbane to Sydney is roughly 600 miles; and the distance travelled between Washington and Sydney is, say, 11,719 miles. The signals, however, had to travel to Perth, Western Australia, so that the total distance they travelled was 15,200 miles. On the whole, Mr. Lenehan is of opinion that the observations have been more satisfactory than was expected. They could not have been made on an ordinary working day, as the traffic over the lines would have blocked them, and the fact that the first was sent on the stroke of the new year from Washington makes a novel, if not unique, New Year's greeting from Washington to the capitals of the Commonwealth. The full set of figures showing the contact times will be forwarded to Washington.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your articles on State education, you take it for granted that our teachers don't know science.

I am only a junior teacher in one of our city schools, and I hold the following certificates from the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, London—Mathematics, second stage, first class; magnetism and electricity, advanced stage, first class; sound, light, and heat, advanced stage, first class; [illegible] elementary certificates in mechanics and physiography. During the last four years I have taught science, using such apparatus as I could make, or buy, or borrow

GLIMPSES OF NORFOLK ISLAND.

II.—LIFE ON THE ISLAND.

BY D. C. M. G.

Here, then, on this odd little speck in the Pacific, where newspapers there are none, until the monthly steamer from Sydney brings a budget, and letters are few and far between—the post-office not offering facilities—was to be my home for a month or more, and before going on to describe the sort of life one leads on Norfolk Island I feel that an apology is due to the reader for my feeble attempt at description. But like many other things, Norfolk Island is better than any description of it; and certainly as a place to spend a pleasant month in it would be hard to beat, for the kindness and courtesies of the people are extraordinary, the air is mild and yet exhilarating, and there is no "shopping" or "calling" to exhaust one's purse or patience, while the soothing sense of absolute repose comes like a blessed compensation. Though there are no boarding houses or hotels, no difficulty is experienced in obtaining comfortable accommodation in farm houses, but you must not be too exacting, and you must not be offended by the familiar way in which the "helps" behave, for they are generally relatives of your host or hostess, and, after making the midday pudding, often retire to the "drawing-room" and play the piano, and when you are not there, sit at the same table with the lady of the house, and call one another by their Christian names.

The population of Norfolk Island numbers between eight and nine hundred. They have about eight or ten surnames amongst them (exclusive, of course, of later arrivals), five of the old Bounty stock, and three who joined the Pitcairn community at different times. Where there are so many families of one surname, it is necessary to have a sort of distinguishing pendant in the first name, and from their numerous intermarriages they all seem to be in a state of highly mixed up relationship, beyond a stranger's understanding. Neither can they always tell what relation one is to another themselves. They are like one large family; the older members of the community are always addressed as "uncle" or "aunt," and amongst the younger ones the Christian name is used on every occasion. The whaling season commences in September, and during this and the two following months the hump-backed whale come in large numbers to occupy their leisure in the shallow island waters, but for what particular business or pleasure no one seems to know, but many surmise it is to scrape the barnacles off their backs and fins. The boats of the four whaling companies go out whenever the weather permits, appearing from the highlands of the island like three-cornered white specks on the ocean, the sail only showing up against the blue sea. They usually start out from the Cascades, but they may follow a whale miles out to sea, and, finally, after killing him, tow him into Kingston, a work often occupying the best part of a day. A boat's crew consists of six or eight, but the profits have to be divided amongst the remainder of the company as well, whose share it will be to cut up the whale and turn him into oil, which unsavoury job is carried on at the Cascades. To watch the boats out whaling on the blue expanse of ocean from the look-out at the Cascades provides a very excellent afternoon's occupation on a fine sunny day. To see the whales spouting in every direction, often, to all appearances within a few feet of one of the boats, gives rise to two distinct sensations—the first one being a complete feeling of satisfaction at being able to watch the sport from a safe distance, comfortably located on terra firma; and the other of pleasurable excitement in the progress of the chase. To watch the rapidity and frequency with which the whales appear, it would seem to those looking on that it is surely an easy matter to make a catch, but the whale is a wary sort of animal, and though sometimes not averse to a prolonged game of hide and seek, he evidently does not give many chances to the boats to make fast, but after leading them up and down on devious tracks, spouting one moment just astern of the boat, and then sounding, to reappear half a mile away, he finally leaves them as the afternoon is closing in, and makes off. When a boat succeeds in making fast to a whale, the news is quickly known, for the cry of "Fast boat" echoes all over the island. This, however, is not always followed by a kill, for the whale, by plunging and fighting often makes the boat's crew cut from him as fast as they know how, losing, perhaps, many fathoms of line, and several lances and harpoons.

These waters are infested by sharks; but, strange to say, they have never been known to touch a man. The Norfolk Island sharks are, however, just as greedy as their brethren all over the world, and when a whale is being cut up in a few feet of water they come round in such numbers and so persistently that the men at work on the whale spend all their time and blunt their instruments in knocking them on the head to disperse them. Sharks are now caught for their fins, which are bought eagerly by Chinamen at 9d a lb, and for their teeth, which are used as ornaments, and often fetch 3d or 4d or more each.

Horses of a not very high class are plentiful at Norfolk Island—almost everybody owns one, or if not, one's neighbour does, which apparently comes to the same thing, from the point of view of the youth of the island, who are much given to wild midnight gallops. To them it is a simple matter to catch somebody's horse, tie a knot in the mane in lieu of a bridle, and away! barebacked and reckless they scamper over the island from one end to the other, finally returning the horse to his owner's ground, who easily guesses the reason why the unfortunate beast is tired, jaded, and unfit for work the next morning.

They are all remarkably good riders on this island, men and women alike, but perhaps that is not strange in a country where they are brought up to ride barebacked from infancy. The girls ride equally well with or without a saddle, or they are quite at home seated sideways on a man's saddle. A bridle also is a matter of indifference to them; a piece of rope tied round the horse's neck is more usual and simpler. The majority of the islanders are generally to be seen going at a hand-gallop; the horses, too, seem to prefer that pace to any other, for which it may be inferred that there is not much laziness in their composition. They have not get made a racecourse on the island, perhaps because it would be almost impossible to find a sufficiently large area of flat land for that purpose. But for the present the Pine-avenue very well answers the purpose of an impromptu one. There, on this flat, shady and well-made road, each horse backed by his several supporters, the favourite of the cable station fights it out with the chosen representative of the island. To prevent accidents outposts are stationed along the route to warn the unwary that a race is in progress; but these meetings more usually take place in the early morning when the road is deserted. There are only two recognised means of getting about on Norfolk Island—either on horseback or in a sulky. Walking is not regarded with any favour in a place where horses and sulkies are so plentiful, for almost everyone—even the one policeman who stands for law and order—has a sulky or two-wheeled conveyance of some sort, which they think are better suited to the steep and sometimes very rough roads over which they contentedly jolt on very unresponsive springs. The Norfolk Islanders are essentially a pleasure-loving people, and they like to take their pleasure in a way which permits of social concentration. To this end picnics and dances are the favoured forms of entertainment. A typical Norfolk Island picnic will be attended by the whole community en masse. No formality attaches to these gatherings, and where everybody knows and is related in some way to everybody else, no introductions are necessary. Ball Bay, Mount Pitt, and the site of a magnificent English oak on the side of the road in the interior of the island, known as Selwyn's Oak, are the favourite picnicking grounds; or sometimes, if the weather permits, the parties go further afield, and row over to Nepean Island in the mutton bird season, when the eggs of these birds, which are said to be palatable though fishy, are plentifully scattered about on the ground. Ball Bay is an ideal spot for picnics, when reached, but it is only accessible by riding or walking, as there is, as yet, no proper road to this lovely little bay, which lying as it does due east is not subjected to the strong winds and rough seas which are to be met with in less sheltered quarters. A landing can almost always be obtained here, which fact probably prompted Lieutenant King in his journal written in 1788, to speak very highly of the claims Ball Bay possessed over the other bays on the island as a harbour and landing place.

Mr. J. E. HOBLEY, Proprietor of the Halsey House, New Holland, Ohio, writes:—"I had a severe attack of LA GRIPPE. It ran into PNEUMONIA. Doctors failed to give me relief. I became so weak that I could not turn in bed. Finally my wife got a bottle of Jayne's Expectorant. Before I had used one half of it my Cough was easier, and I was soon restored. I have no hesitation in saying that JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT SAVED MY LIFE."—Advt.

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CHESS.

Hon. secretaries of chess clubs are invited to furnish news of general interest. The Editor will be happy to receive unpublished games and original problems (which should be accompanied by diagram and analysis) with a view to publication.

PROBLEM No. 642.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" Ninth International Problem Tourney.

"Omen."

Black (9 pieces).

White (8 pieces).

White to play and mate in two moves.

Forsyth Notation Modified.—4 n, 4 N, 5 pR, 6n PB, 8 P, 2r, 1 k p p, 3 p, 3 R, 3b, 10 B, 2 Q, 1.

Key.—Counting from Black Q R —, the initial letter of piece is put for the square occupied thereby. Numerals denote intervening blank squares. Black pieces are in small type.

THE YEAR'S CHESS.

The year 1903 will be remembered in chess circles as one of steady, if quiet, progress, and in accordance with the custom of past years we give a brief review of the doings of the chess world of interest to our readers, drawn from our chess columns.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

Lasker has accepted the challenge of Tarrasch, one of the first of living masters to play a match for the kingship in next September or October. The stakes will be £400 a side, the first eight games, draws not counting, to decide the event, time limit 15 moves an hour. Lasker declined Marshall's challenge to play for £100 a side, and the coming contest will be watched with the utmost interest.

ENGLAND v AMERICA.

This annual contest was followed with close attention. America again won, by 5½ to 4½. Having gained the victory twice consecutively, it only remains for her to repeat the performance next year to make the Newnes trophy her own permanently.

THE MONTE CARLO TOURNEY.

This mighty gathering of masters evoked great interest. The results were:—Tarrasch, 29, 1; Marovcy, 19, 2; and the rest in the following order: Pillsbury, 18½; Schlechter, 17; Teichmann, 16½; Marco, 15½; Wolf, 14; Mieses, 13; Marshall, 12; Mason and Taubenhaus, 10½; Allies, 8; Reggio, 7½; Moscat, 0.

THE VIENNA GAMBIT TOURNEY.

This tourney, limited to the king's gambit opening, resulted as follows:—Tschigorin, 13, 1; Marshall, 11½, 2. Marco (11), Pillsbury (11), Marovcy, Janowski, Schlechter, Teichmann, and Mieses also competed.

THE RICE GAMBIT TOURNEY.

Professor Rice put up the money for prizes for a tourney to test his opening. Julius Finn won the first prize, Hermann Keidanz was second, and Bruno Siegheum third. The match was written up in true transatlantic—or, as we should say—transpacific fashion, and excited great interest.

PROBLEM TOURNEYS.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" Eighth International Problem Tourney was a great success. A. F. Mackenzie secured the prize of five guineas and the first special prize; F. Lazard, of Paris, a cunning man in this line, the second special prize; and E. S. Campling (Hertford), A. Charlick, Rose Park (S.A.), another cunning man in the problem art, and the great Viennese composer, Max Feigl, all gained honourable mention.

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INTERSTATE CHESS.

New South Wales v Victoria.—After a close and exciting match, this State defeated Victoria by 6½ to 4½.

New South Wales v Queensland.—This match was played on telegraph on 4th and 11th October, and resulted in a win for this State by 6½-3½.

SIMULTANEOUS CHESS.

Tschigorin gave an exhibition at St. Petersburg. The opening selected was the King's Gambit. Playing 15 boards, the master won 15, drew 1, and lost 2.

SIMULTANEOUS BLINDFOLD CHESS.

Pillsbury played 12 boards simultaneously at the Metropolitan Club (London), against three or more players, in consultation at each board, giving them the move at alternate boards. The wonderful player won 8, lost 3, and drew 1.

Pillsbury won 10 straight games in an exhibition at Canterbury (England). Pillsbury shortly afterwards eclipsed all previous efforts in this direction by playing 22 boards simultaneously, blindfold, and winning 17, drawing at 4, and only losing one game.

CHAMPION TOURNEYS.

The Championship of New Zealand.—Grierson, by defeating Balk, Forsyth, Kelling, and Mason, 6-5, by the score of 6½-2½, won the coveted title at Dunedin, and also the first prize of £20.

The Championship of Queensland.—Mr. A. C. Palmer challenged Mr. Apperly to a match for the championship, and after defeating the holder in the first game accepted his resignation.

The Championship of South Africa.—Mr. Lee, with the score of 8, won the championship, and the first prize of £5); Elieden, 7½, was second, and Cameron, 8, third.

THE SYDNEY SUBURBAN CHESS UNION.

This organisation is perhaps the most important factor in local chess. With a strong membership (319), a capable executive and enthusiastic following, it supplies a much-felt want and fills up a great gap in chess requirements.

PRIVATE MATCHES.

Mr. Jonas recently defeated Mr. Christenson, the challenger, in a match five games up by 5 to 3 (and one draw not counting). Neither player, however, did himself justice, although the result would probably not have been materially altered in any case.

SOLUTION TOURNEYS.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" solution tourneys keep moving merrily. Four were held in 1903, making 55 in all. In Messrs. J. W. Hillyer, F. E. Smith, and E. Dies Australia possesses three solvers inferior to none in the world.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES CHESS ASSOCIATION.

This powerful body commits no sins of commission; possibly it may be charged with two of omission in neglecting to have an annual championship tourney and in choosing interstate teams outright in place of letting the weaker players fight for their places. Chess in this State is in all other respects in most capable hands.

THE SYDNEY CHESS CLUB.

This powerful club has recently set its house in order, and taken up less expensive but very convenient rooms in Hamilton-lane. There is interest in club doings, and altogether the future looks bright. A succession of tourneys provides scope for the exercise of the talents of members. Whist has recently been added for the benefit of card-players, and the Cavendish Club and the Lasker bomb seem to be fraternising with the pleasanted results to both.

THE SYDNEY SCHOOL OF ARTS CLUB.

This, the oldest club in Sydney, which counts Mr. Jacobsen for a member, as its great rival does Messrs. Wallace and Crane, all champions of Australia, is prospering, and all who recognise the desirability of two strong metropolitan clubs will always look forward to the continued existence of both the Sydney Chess Club and the Sydney School of Arts Club. Team matches, a championship tourney, and handicap tourneys provide constant excitement for its members, and full advantage is taken by them of the enterprise and liberality of the management.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

From Messrs. Macmillan and Co.: "A School Geometry," by H. S. Hall and F. H. Stevens, part 4; "Fanny Burney (Madame D'Arblay)," by Austin Dobson ("English Men of Letters" series); "An Unshared Secret," and other stories, by Florence Montgomery.

From Mr. Edward Arnold: "The Problem of the Army," by L. S. Amery.

From Mr. T. Fisher Unwin: "Thomas Shadwell," edited, with an introduction and notes, by George Saintsbury ("The Mermaid" series); "Commissioner Kerr; an Individuality," by G. Pitt-Lewis (second impression).

From Mr. William Heinemann: "Great Masters; Reproductions in Photogravure from the Finest Works of the Most Famous Painters Down to the Year 1800," with an introduction and descriptive text by Sir Martin Conway.

From the Religious Tract Society: "What can I do? or How to Help Missions," by Annetta Whynaper.

From Messrs. P. S. King and Son: "An Inquiry into the Principles of Freetrade," by John Alexander Neale (second edition).

From Messrs. James Nisbet and Co.: "Divine Hygiene; Sanitary Science and Sanitarians of the Sacred Scriptures and Mosaic Code," by Alexander Battray.

From Messrs. Wells Gardner, Darton, and Co.: "The Black Polyanthus and Widow Maclean," by Jean Ingelow; "Sunday Reading for the Young," 1904; "The Gurlhood of Theo," by Cecil Darby; "The Grey Rabbit," written and illustrated by May Gladwin; "Bert's Holiday," by Janie Brockman; "Elsa and the Trolls, and other Plays for Little People," by Helen Shipton; "The Constable's Stories," by Flora Schmale; "Hilda at School," by Mary Macleod.

From Messrs. Kenly and Philp: "Moore's Australian Almanac and Country Directory," 1904.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. G.—If you give it up without another try you will be sorry.

J. A. F. (Melbourne).—Your first indicated the line, which I pronounced correct, hence your recantation came as a surprise.

W. Veal (Beotie, England).—Contributions to hand. Thanks.

Solutions of 645 and 7, from J. B., Newtown, J. Wilson, and C. Thomas correct.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM No. 648.
By T. F. Schick, Lismore.

Black men, 1, 7, 8, 12; Kings, 22, 32.
White men, 9, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22.
White to play and draw.

32—27	9—6	15—6	6—2	12—19	2—25	
31—24	1—10	24—15,	and white draws.			

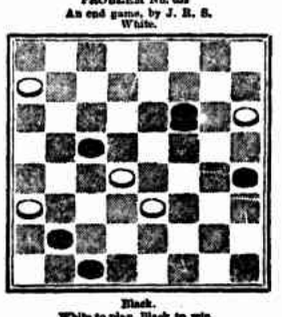
PROBLEM No. 649.
By J. R. S.

Black men, 15, 16, 20, 22.
White men, 23, 27, 31; King on 7.
White to play and win.

31—26	22—31	7—10	31—24	10—26,	wins.

This position arose in a game played recently, which J. R. S. won over the board as per solution.

PROBLEM No. 650.
An end game, by J. R. S.
White.



Black.
White to play, Black to win.

PROBLEM No. 651.
An end game.

Black men—3, 14, 17, 22, King on 30.
White men—11, 19, 23, 32, King on 8.
Black to play, and White to draw.

PROBLEM No. 652.

The selection of this very interesting position will be given next week, in order to allow our solvers another chance, I hold it back.

GAME No. 672.—Glasgow.

A tourney game played between Messrs. Griffin and Hansen at Sydney.

	Mr. Griffin moved.				
11—15	24—20	11—15	19—15	8—12	15—11
23—19	16—19	30—26	10—19	6—2	25—22
8—11	23—16	24—20	17—1	19—23	11—8
22—17	4—8	31—27	13—16	17—14	16—19
11—16	29—25	9—7	13—6	23—26	14—10
24—20	9—14	27—24	24—27	14—9	19—24
16—32	17—13	1—5	32—23	26—30	1—5
27—11	8—11	24—19	28—32	15—14	24—27
7—16	22—17	15—24	22—17	30—25	9—6
20—11	19—24	23—19	32—27	22—18	27—31
3—7	26—23	7—11	23—18	27—23	6—1
25—24	5—9	20—16	5—9	18—15	
7—16	23—22	11—20	26—22	25—18	

After many moves White eventually won.

GAME No. 673.—"Dundee."

Played in the Lancashire v Yorkshire match at Leeds on October 24, 1903, between Mr. F. Dunne and Mr. W. J. Wray.

	Mr. Dunne moved.				
12—16	9—13	10—14	21—28	13—7	17—13
24—19	15—9	25—22	4—8	26—22	9—14
8—12	19—22	1—5	22—18	17—26	14—9
22—18	25—18	23—24	5—9	31—22	11—18
10—14	5—14	16—20	13—15	7—11	22—14
28—22	18—9	20—26	11—16	22—17	16—22
7—10	6—13	2—7	24—19	8—7	9—6
22—17	29—25	Mr. J. Wray won.			

GAME No. 674.—"Old Fourteenth."

The following fine examples of a position originating from totally different openings by Mr. Francis Teichelmann appeared in the "Sydney Call":—

11—15	17—13	8—11	27—23	6—15	27—23
23—19	15—18	25—22	14—17	23—19	17—21
6—11	24—20	18—25	21—14	7—10	23—26
22—17	11—15	29—22	10—17	31—27	1—6
4—8	23—24	9—14	19—10	8—7	Drawn.

GAME No. 675.—"Single Corner."

11—15	29—25	10—17	28—24	9—14	31—26
22—18	8—11	21—17	2—7	19—9	17—26
15—22	24—20	6—13	23—19	5—14	25—22
26—18	10—15	17—13	16—23	27—22	1—6
8—11	25—22	7—10	26—19	14—17	Drawn.

GAME No. 676.—"Dundee."

12—16	15—11	8—11	23—16	10—14	16—12
24—19	5—24	22—18	4—10	26—22	1—5
16—20	28—19	9—13	29—25	2—6	22—23
20—24	8—12	13—17	5—9	30—26	
11—15	25—22	10—19	25—22	6—10	Drawn.

The above games all ended in identical situations.

NOTES.

The S.D.C.C., Jenson's Tea Hall Coffee Palace, George-street, was the scene of several lively encounters during the week, one between Mr. J. Lee and Mr. Williams, of Cobar, being especially so, who drew a few games in a masterly manner, one of which Mr. Lee admitted he should have won. Williams remarked: "I'll look in again with the hope of seeing you to have another try." "Right you are," says Lee, "will only be too pleased." Mr. Williams in a try against Mr. Lee, "I will be well by winning a game." Against Mr. Stormont he won a game in fine style, and drew a few others. Another visitor, Mr. F. Treharne, of Wellongong, had a trial against Mr. Mills, who drew several, and won one. Several others had tries, but failed to more than draw an odd game. I am pleased to see our country cousins are availing themselves of the cordial invitation to visit the S.D.C.C., whose members, one and all, are pleased to meet them.

A match took place at Leeds on October 24 between teams of 26 players aside representing Yorkshire and Lancashire. The contest in progress from 4.45 until 7.15, when it was found Yorkshire had won by 16 games to 8, with 24 draws, two games being unfinished. Eight matches have now been played between these two counties, each side winning when playing at home. Thus each side has won four. The unfinished games were adjudicated by Mr. F. Dunn, one a draw, the other a win, the final score being 16 wins to 9, with 25 draws.

F. W. Slade, who is in the Indian Government service, and who was formerly a member of the Polytechnic D.C., Regent-street, London, was the winner of the recent Indian Draughts Championship Tournament, 21 Elizabeth-st., n. H'ter-st., the second special prize; and E. S. Campling (Hertford), A. Charlick, Rose Park (S.A.), another coming man in the problem art, and the great Viennese composer, Max Feigl, all gained honourable mention.

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A GOOD NEW YEAR.

TO THE BRETHREN O' THE BROD.

Sin' this time was an year, my friends,
We've battled mony a game,
An' some has socht the warld's ends,
An' some has been ca'd hame.

But here shoot or hyne awa'
We're brethren, a' sincere,
An' me I wish you, one an' a',
A happy, good New Year.

Oor, dear, auld-farrant, canty game
Is played owre a' the earth,
And tho' the foolish think it tame,
The thochts' hes its worth.

Let fools decide wi' wanton 'skrew',
Oor canny, homely play,
The lauch he lives for a' its worth,
But oors the lastin' joy.

'Tis said we Scots oor dumbred tak'
Whaure'er oor fortunes lead,
'Tis true, if nae upon oor back,
We carry 't in oor heid.

We're nae ashamed to own the brod,
The only cause for shame
Is theirs that dinna ken the road
To play oor coothy game.

It gars life's pend'lum wag anew,
It feeds life's lamps wi' oil,
It sharps the cou'ter o' life's plo,
An' liebly turns the soil.

A' that and mair, oor hamely ploy,
Vouchsaies its devotee,
Nae matter whether man or boy,
Priest, peasant, or grandee.

God grant us mony a canty game,
While thile and warl' we're in,
An' when He deigns to ca' us hame,
May 't be a glorious win.

We're a', my friends, in God's good care,
An' naething need we fear,
An' brethren, ane an' a', ance mair—
A happy, good New Year.

JAMES GUG.

ALLEGED "ILLEGAL PRACTICES."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have diligently perused the memorial presented to the Archbishop emphasising the anxiety of about 40 clergymen of the C.E., at the use of illegal vestments and other ornaments associated with the Mass by certain clergymen when celebrating the Lord's Supper. His Grace's reply was simply admirable. These 40 clergymen need feel no alarm; they are not suspected of Ritualism or Romish leanings. Attendance at the services referred to will reveal most gratifying evidence of earnest, effective, cultivated ministry, and large, devoutly attentive congregations. Clergymen who have the welfare of our Church at heart should hesitate before they initiate and foster action eminently likely to provoke strife amongst a very numerous and influential section of C.E. communicants, who are not likely to yield their convictions unless shown conclusively to be opposed to the Rubric, or at variance with the usage of the Anglican Church "by the authority of Parliament in the 2nd year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth."

If the Rev. Canon and the 40 other clergy can show this they will have a strong case; but in the meantime are they not themselves bound by the ordinances of the Church, "established in the reign of King Edward the 6th" aforesaid? Unless they comply with the Rubric, especially in matters of mere ceremonial, are they acting consistently with their ordination vow to "minister the doctrine and the discipline of Christ as this Church and realm hath received the same?" It would be better for them to satisfy themselves on this question before they venture to impugn their brethren.

I am, etc.,
EDWARD SHARP.

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A CHAMPION ATHLETE PAYS THE PENALTY FOR CONTINUOUS TRAINING, AND FINDS A WELCOME ANTIDOTE.

THE CASE OF MR. S. MAHALM.

(From the Leichhardt "Standard.")

To judge from the numerous successes in all kinds of sport which have been placed to the credit of Australians, it appears that as a people we possess the necessary stamina and skill required to excel in various departments of athletics; but, as Mr. Samuel Mahalm, of Augustus-street, Leichhardt, told our reporter, it is quite possible to overtax one's constitution, and then trouble ensues.

"In your palmy days as an athlete you did not think that so much training and racing was likely to do you harm, I suppose?" remarked a "Standard" reporter.

"I did not give it a thought, to tell you the truth," replied Mr. Mahalm. "I was too enthusiastic in matters of sport to trouble about the future, but now that I am all right again I do not regret having indulged in exercise so heavily."

"It was in rowing that you principally excelled, was it not?"

"Well, yes; I did meet with a fair amount of success in that line, as I won the champion sculls for youths under 21 three years in succession, and was pitted against some of the old-time champions besides. In running, rowing and sailing I won 20 races out of 27 starts, so I have not much to complain about in that respect, although when my health broke down I thought the game was not worth the candle, as the saying goes. It is an awful strain on one's system to keep at such heavy work continuously, and when I got very ill I considered that my success was dearly bought."

"What was the first sign you had that your health was breaking down?"

"Nervousness. The frequent strains upon my system had a bad effect on my nerves, for they became so unstrung that I could not keep them steady, and the most simple thing in the world could give me a start and make me excited. I went on like this for a little while, thinking that I would soon be all right again, when I was greatly surprised to find that I was suffering from indigestion. That was an everyday sort of complaint, I thought, from which some people suffered severely, though not treating it promptly, and making up my mind that I would not make the same mistake, I started taking medicine for it."

"A very sensible procedure," ejaculated the scribe.

"It would have been had I known the proper medicine to take, but I had had no previous experience, so I took whatever I saw advertised, and when one thing did me no good I tried another, thinking that I would be sure to strike the right one in the end. Sure enough I did, but it was not till after enduring several years' intense torture that a friend advised me to give a trial to Clements Tonic, but by that time my health was completely wrecked. The food I persuaded myself to take was harder to digest than ever, and the after effects were much more trying. A heavy pain settled on my chest, which gave me great trouble in getting my breath, especially at night time, when I often had to sit up in bed, because I felt as if I would smother if I lay there any longer, and paroxysms of pain were caused in my stomach through wind arising from the decayed food. By these and other means I was prevented from obtaining anything like a requisite amount of sleep, the consequence being that when I ought to have been leaving my bed I was too dead tired to do so. I got so miserably weak and low-spirited that I felt as if I could not speak to anybody, whilst the mere thought of doing a little work seemed preposterous, because I had no vitality in me to do it. For another reason I did not like exerting myself. That was because my heart palpitated and pained me when I put my body in motion, and I grew so anxious on that score that I resolved to take the greatest care of myself and not throw any chances away. But at last I got so disheartened that I thought I would never be well again, a sharp pain catching me between the shoulders and across the lower part of my back, while sometimes I could scarcely see out of my eyes for the terrible headaches I had. My tongue was in a disagreeable state, being almost white, and everything I tasted seemed bitter—not that I tasted much, as I had no appetite at all. I could not have sat in a wagerboat for the life of me, as I had turns of giddiness, which inconvenienced me even when standing in my feet. What had once been hard, solid flesh became nearly all skin and bone, so that there was no light task in front of Clements Tonic when I started taking it. Another circumstance which I should not overlook was that I used to have very unpleasant dreams on any of those rare occasions when exhausted nature claimed a couple of hours' sleep, so you see what a perpetual drain there was on my system through want of proper rest; and nothing could ease my pain sufficiently to allow me to sleep save Clements Tonic, which gave me a new feeling of content before the first week was out. It seemed a marvellous thing that Clements Tonic could have such a desirable effect upon me so quickly, considering that I had been suffering so long; and further use of that medicine showed that all others were outclassed. The lazy sense of drowsiness which had made my life so dreary had given place to a feeling of exhilaration and activity as a result of using Clements Tonic, whilst that medicine's action on my nervous system was more beneficial than I had ever deemed possible to be obtained. My nerves became toned to the state of perfection they were in when I could go over a three-mile course at a dog-dong pace; and I have such a high opinion of the strengthening qualities of Clements Tonic that if I were young enough to start racing again I would take that medicine for the purpose of supplying the vitality which is lost whilst training. For putting my internal organs into a healthy and machine-like condition, and driving away headaches, giddiness, and chest pains, my acknowledgments go to Clements Tonic, which also claimed my gratitude for remedying the palpitations and heart pains. With each bottle of Clements Tonic came nearer the end of my afflictions, for I was eating well, and could digest all manner of food. Windy spasms and back pains were done away with by the same medicine, and there was not an ache left in me. I can frankly admit that my liver and nerve troubles were quite cured by Clements Tonic, and you can publish all I have said in any way you think advisable."

"Thank you," replied our representative, "but it is probable some of your old friends already know this experience of yours."

"Some do, I know; but I can't tell all of them, as I know so many through living in this suburb twenty years, while for the last five years I have been proprietor of the Leichhardt Swimming Baths."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, SAMUEL MAHALM, of Augustus-street, Leichhardt, Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of four folios, and consecutively numbered from one to four, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements, which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

Samuel Mahalm

Subscribed and declared at Leichhardt this twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and two, before me.

W. B. WRAGGE, J.P.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

LAND TAX VALUATIONS.

The indignation of the Raymond Terrace farmers at the increased assessments of their holdings for land tax purposes should direct attention to the much-vexed question of unimproved values, which is a source of perpetual irritation in the country districts. The unimproved value is so very difficult to arrive at that the most extraordinary divergence of opinion is expressed in the various estimates of valuers working in the same district. We have seen orchard land in the county of Cumberland valued at £6 per acre, and that on the opposite side of a road put down at £12 per acre. The land was exactly similar on each side of the road; indeed, one piece was not worth 1s per acre more than the other. Similar differences have been seen among the farms on the coast, and until it is explained that the road happens to be the boundary line between the districts of two valuers the position is most astonishing. Even when it is explained that some valuers cannot bring themselves to valuing well improved farms and orchards at the same figure as forest land the differences are still difficult to understand. Of course such anomalies are usually adjusted, but the adjustment is troublesome and often expensive, and really it seems hardly a fair thing that landholders should be troubled to smooth out the differences between official valuers who vary to the extent of 100 per cent. on the same class of country. In districts where land has increased in value very largely the farmers have a very strong grievance. Take the Richmond River country as an example. The unimproved values of many farms in the Big Scrub district run to £10 and £12 per acre for land which a few years ago was worth, as scrub, about £3 to £4. The owners admit that present sale values for scrub land go to £11 per acre, but they point out that but for the improvements they put on and the money they expended on their holdings, the value of unimproved scrub land would still be about £3 to £4 per acre. This view is, of course, opposed to that of the back garden expert who acknowledges no right of ownership in the increased value of land gained by personal exertion and outlay. All the same, though the farmers' view may be opposed to the theory on which unimproved value for taxation is supposed to be based, there is a lot of practical sense behind the case for the owner. It is usually said that the outlay by the State on roads, railways, and harbours is responsible for the increase in unimproved values, but the farmer will answer that but for his enterprise and labour the roads, railways, and other works would never have been undertaken—that public works follow settlement, and until the land is so improved that it will produce something to send to market no provision is made for convenience of transit.

It is difficult for those who have not turned virgin country into improved farms to realise that a large amount of labour and money goes into the land, while the settler is undergoing the heat and burden of his early days, that cannot be expressed in material improvements. Such is the case, however, and we cannot escape the conclusion that this and other matters should be taken into consideration. An aspect has been referred to at Raymond Terrace which should never be lost sight of. The purpose of a tax on unimproved land values is dual—to raise revenue and to induce owners to improve their lands and make good use of their acres to add to the production of the country. Surely the farmers who thoroughly improve their lands and make good use of their soil should receive consideration in view of one of the objects of the impost. Judging from the reports, however, it would seem that their efforts to make their lands produce as much as possible are liable to bring them heavier taxation, because those efforts have resulted in an increase in "unimproved" values.

THE WOOL TRADE.

Friday evening.

The present week brings to a conclusion the interval of partial rest which those engaged in the wool trade are supposed to enjoy at the end of each year, but though the activity of auction business is absent, there is always a more or less strong private inquiry during the recess. A very fair turnover, principally in passed-in lots, has been done, but the full extent of the business will not be disclosed till the sales of each broker are reported next week. In the meantime it is satisfactory to learn that the trend of values as shown by such private sales is slightly in favour of sellers, and that the market can still be quoted firm at the rates current when public business terminated. During January heavy catalogulngs will be made, and if in the face of this, and the not too favourable reports from European trading centres, the high prices which have ruled during the early part of the Australian selling season continue to be available, growers will have every reason to be satisfied.

In the absence of any quotable change, current values are given as follow:—

Greasy Merino Skirted.—Extra light, bright, good staple, 10½d to 14½d; good condition, good staple, 9½d to 10½d; medium condition, fair staple, 8½d to 9d; heavy condition, fair staple, 6½d to 8d.

Greasy Merino Pieces.—Extra light, bright, free, 9½d to 11½d; good condition, slightly burry, 8½d to 9½d; medium condition, slightly burry, 7½d to 8½d; heavy condition, slightly burry, 6½d to 7d.

Greasy Merino Bellies.—Extra light, long, slightly burry, 7½d to 9½d; good condition, slightly burry, 6d to 7d; medium condition, burry, 4½d to 5½d; heavy condition, burry, 3½d to 4½d.

Greasy Merino Locks.—Extra light condition, fair staple, 4½d to 6½d; medium condition, 3½d to 4d; heavy ditto, 1½d to 3d.

Greasy Crossbred, Fine Skirted.—Extra light, bright, good staple, 10d to 11½d; good condition and staple, 8½d to 9½d; medium condition, 7½d to 8d; heavy condition, 6½d to 7d.

Greasy Long-stapled, Skirted, three-quarter to purebred.—Extra light, lustrous, free, 8½d to 9½d; medium condition, 4½d to 5½d; heavy condition, 4d to 4½d.

Scoured Merino Fleece.—Extra light, bright, good staple, 19½d to 24½d; good condition, good staple, 16d to 18½d; medium condition, good staple, 12½d to 13½d; heavy condition, good staple, 13½d to 16½d.

Scoured Merino Pieces.—Extra light, bright, good staple, 14d to 20½d; good condition, good staple, 11d to 11½d; heavy condition, 9½d to 10½d.

Scoured Merino Bellies.—Extra light, bright, good staple, 17½d to 19½d; good condition, good staple, 16d to 17d; medium condition, good staple 14½d to 15½d; heavy condition, 12d to 14d.

Scoured Merino Locks.—Extra light, bright, fair staple, 12½d to 15d; good condition, fair staple 11d to 12½d; medium condition, 10d to 10½d; heavy condition, 8d to 9½d.

Note.—Unskirted or burry, 1d to 1½d per lb less for all descriptions.

The Christmas recess having expired, auctions will be resumed next week, the following being the order of sale:—Monday, January 4—1, Hill, Clark, and Co.; 2, John Bridge and Co., Ltd. Tuesday, January 5—1, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd.; 2, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd. Wednesday, January 6—1, Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Ltd.; 2, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd. Thursday, January 7—1, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; 2, Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.

Arrivals for the week are as follow:—

	Bales.
By rail	16,640
By sea	5,121
Total	13,761

The arrivals since the beginning of the statistical year are as under:—

	Bales.
At Darling Harbour railway station—	
From July 1 to December 30, 1903	208,008
Corresponding period last year	205,642
Increase	2,466
By sea—	
From July 1 to December 30, 1903	60,540
Corresponding period last year	52,143
Increase	8,397

The following shipments have been made:—

From Sydney:	Bales.
Victoria, s., to Marseilles, December 26	537
Victoria, s., to London, December 26	146
Aorangi, s., to Boston, December 28	350
Total for week	1,023
Brought forward	237,024
Total from Sydney	238,047
From Newcastle:	
Miltiades, s., to London, December 29	2,471
Brought forward	15,482
Total from Sydney and Newcastle	256,000
Corresponding period last year	214,712
Increase	41,288

Although by no means conclusive, the figures and information available at the end of December are always of interest, for though the wool-year does not terminate till June 30, November and December are months in which a large business is done, most of the best-quality and conditioned clips being marketed during their course. So far, the Sydney market has fulfilled the best hopes entertained regarding it, for, despite a clip by no means perfect, though far in advance of its predecessor, highly satisfactory prices have been realised, and this in the face of unfavourable reports as to the condition of trade in manufacturing centres. From the figures supplied by one of our large selling-houses—one, however, which is favoured with wools rather better than the average—the bale of wool has realised £13 6s 1d this year as against £12 7s 10d for the corresponding six months in 1902. Another company which has during the half-year sold over 20,000 bales give it as the result of their transactions that the greasy bale has averaged 372lb as against 368lb in 1902, and has this year realised £12 12s 8d, or 8.14d per lb. In scoured they find the bale weighs 247lb in comparison with 244lb in 1902, the average price per pound being 14.09d. The quantity so far dealt with shows an increase of over 17,000 bales, and, as usual, Sydney keeps the lead as a selling centre. The figures relating to the various Australian markets are as follow:—

JULY 1 TO END OF DECEMBER, 1903.

	Bales Sold.
Sydney	194,786
Melbourne	119,602
Geelong	80,281
Adelaide	17,232
Brisbane	14,805

Sydney has thus acted as the realising medium for 41½ per cent. of the 466,796 bales disposed of so far in Australia this season.

Another favourable feature of this season's operations is that the percentage of sales to offerings continues to maintain a high though not unsurpassed level. The lowest relation since the 1885-6 season was 59.9, and the highest 102.2. For the present six months the percentage is 94.3, or 13.47 above the average of the past 19 seasons. The percentage of sales to exports is so far about the same as the full result of last year—viz., 77 per cent., as against 81.8. Altogether the present season has proceeded very satisfactorily, and the best hopes are entertained that its remainder will not prove disappointing.

When the next series of sales in London open on January 19 the back of the Australian season will be broken in most colonial markets, and the interest which now centres in Australia will shift to the old world. Indications are not wanting that the crossbred craze has had its day, and that the more dressy article possible from the use of a large proportion of merino wool will very shortly be in vogue again. With the probability of a run of good seasons for wool and wheat the immediate prospects of pastoralists and farmers are brighter than they have been for many years past, and late losses promise to be lost in a time of great and general prosperity.

DAIRYING ON THE RICHMOND.

Some striking figures, indicating the remarkable milk-producing capacity of the Richmond River country, have appeared in this column from time to time. Statements collected by our special commissioner in September gave certified results which showed that the returns from the land while high prices ruled for butter raised up to £5 per acre per annum. The dairy farmers in the large Big Scrub district which lies between Lismore on the west, Byron Bay on the north-east, and Ballina on the south-east, were exceptionally fortunate during the last two years of the drought. Though the seasons were comparatively dry there was sufficient rain to keep the grasses growing, returns from the dairy cattle were good, and prices for cream very high. A correspondent points out that while there has been a heavy drop in the price of butter, the Big Scrub farmers are still doing very well, the country being good enough to yield most satisfactory returns at the reduced values received for cream. He forwards us an authenticated statement showing the amount received by one farmer during November. The farmer was Mr. Whitehead, of Bex Hill, near Lismore, who has a farm of 100 acres. During November he milked 30 cows, and his cheque for the month was £36 0s 3d. Our correspondent observes that there is nothing very remarkable in this for the district. It is merely one of the many instances which could be quoted to show what a few good cows will produce from a small farm.

PARASITE FOR FRUIT FLY.

PERTH (W.A.), Friday.

Mr. G. Compere, Government entomologist, will leave for Brazil early next month. His mission is to secure a parasite for the fruit fly. Recently Mr. Compere secured a parasite in India, but the experiments with this insect have not yet had a chance to arrive at finality. Mr. Compere is convinced that it will not meet all Australian requirements.

POULTRY.

All questions relative to fancy or commercial poultry keeping, diseases, etc., should be addressed to Ancona, "Herald" Office.

F. Y., Dulwich Hill.—If the Buff Orpington eats well, and is laying, there is sufficient evidence that there is nothing internally wrong. The movement of the head may be some acquired habit, or is possibly caused by a slight external injury. 2. This fowl has what is known as chicken-pox, or vent gleet, an offensive disease, and possibly by this time chronic, and even if not requires long treatment for an occasional cure. The best plan is to kill and burn the carcase.

H. G. W., Balmain.—The symptoms point to eczema, a disease as common to fowls as animals, and being but a crossbred fowl treatment might cost more than it is worth.

For a long series of years poultry fanciers, showgoers, and others interested in prize poultry have become familiarised with the persistency which fowls from the Wotonga yards appropriate a large portion of the prizes for which they annually compete at the leading shows. Some dozen years ago, when the Wotonga yards were situated at Tamworth, the then booming Plymouth Rocks were largely bred at that town, and for a number of years successfully exhibited. Their decline in popularity was anticipated by their owner, Mr. H. Cadell, who cleared out of the variety, and having moved to Gosford took up the then much-fancied Indian Game, the show-pen success of that variety equalling that of the Rocks. The Wotonga yards soon found another location—Bonnyrigg, Liverpool—the game having given place to Indian runner ducks and Minorcas. The Wotonga Minorcas from that time to the present day have taken over 75 per cent. of the prizes yearly offered for that variety. Wotonga, Beecroft, was the next location, and lastly, some twelve months ago, Mr. Cadell bought a magnificent farm a short distance from Epping, where some 20 poultry yards and houses on most "up-to-date" principles have been erected. The location, construction, and adaptability of the place for prize poultry breeding are second to none in Australia. The runs are small paddocks in themselves, all stocked with fruit trees, at present heavily laden—an way for utilising the orchard in conjunction the premier-ship in Minorcas, perfecting the colour and other qualities of the Buff Orpingtons and one or two other varieties. Mr. Cadell has had a successful hatching season. About 500 chickens of from three to seven months old are on the place, all free from a trace of disease, and for quality up to the usual Wotonga sorts, of which Black Orpingtons are to take a foremost position in the future.

The year which has just closed has, for the poultry breeder, been one of extremes. For some nine months or more the prices of all classes of cereal foods were so high as to cause some breeders to abandon the pursuit, and the majority to largely reduce their stocks. Pollard and bran ruled for months up to and over 2s per bushel of 25lb, while wheat and maize were considerably over 6s for 60lb and 56lb respectively. As a set-off to this, poultry products were right through the year extremely high, but owing to the causes stated there being so little to sell, small benefits accrued to the grower. The above extremes are, however, now happily over, and so far as the poultry-keeper is concerned conditions in the food way are remarkably favourable. To-day's produce column shows pollard as quoted from 5d, and bran from 4½d, while wheat as low as 5d. Algerian oats is 6d, and inferior maize almost at buyers' own figures. The favourable feature for the breeder is that up to the present full rates have been ruling for eggs and poultry of all sorts, but should the food continue at anything approximate to the above quotations, there is no doubt that a material reduction will take place; indeed, already this week there are signs of weakening. Added to all the above is the fact that northern and country breeders, anticipating cheap food, considerably increased their hatching operations, many taking for the first time to purebred stock, which is anticipatory of a better quality of market stuff in the future.

Coming to the fancy, preparations for the past 12 months there is not much new to record. The opening show of the season was as usual the Royal at Easter, which is always a popular gathering, the classification being liberal, accommodation for the exhibits excellent, and prize-money good. The response by breeders, although large, was some 150 entries below that of 1902. The reduction was due to the dear food conditions, and was a feature of all the metropolitan shows of the year. Orpingtons, Wyandottes, Indian game, and Leghorns were largely exhibited, the fancy and Asiatic breeds showing a marked decline in numbers. The next show of importance was one held under the auspices of the Parramatta and District Poultry Society, which took place early in May. The management were lavish in classification, the response of 476 entries, although a fair number, when distributed among the great number of classes made but slightly over three each. However, there was a long list of special prizes, which helped to carry the society financially through. Whether Parramatta purposes making this an annual event has not yet been determined. The New South Wales P. P. and B. Society followed the above at the end of May, the entries here also falling short of the previous year's numbers. The same varieties predominated as at the Royal. Early in June a new departure in poultry exhibitions took place. This was a show initiated by the Mediterranean Breeders' Club, and held in the Exhibition-buildings. Several new features were introduced, and whether they will contribute to the permanency of the show remains to be seen. Following this came the Poultry Club's annual exhibition, which, like the older society and the Royal, experienced a diminution in entries, but to an extent which detracted only slightly from the general display. The quality of the birds throughout the year's exhibitions was not as a whole such superior to those of the previous year. Buff Orpingtons excepted. A few individual specimens of Silver Wyandottes, Black Orpingtons, Buffs, Indian game, Minorcas, and Leghorns stood out for quality, but as in previous years many of the exhibits received no recognition from the judge. The year was prolific in new breeds, or, at least, new to this State. Campines, a small pencilled Hamburg-coloured Belgian fowl, were shown in fair numbers. These are reputed good layers. Lakenvelders, another small foreign but attractive breed, for the first time appeared in an Australian show. This is a white fowl with black wings and tail. Their smallness will be a handicap to popularity. Faverolles, a big bodied white-legged, useful looking fowl, of French origin, were shown in moderate numbers by three breeders. There is nothing fancy about this breed which has supplanted the Houdan in its own district, and occupies the same position in rural France as does the Sussex fowl in that English county. Breeders who took up this variety report having done well with them. The prospects for the present year in relation to the breeds point to a continued popularity of the Black Orpington, further importations of Buffs, an increase in the patrons of Partridge Wyandottes, and importations of the new silver pencilled of the latter variety.

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SOCIAL.

The New Year came in with typical Australian summer weather, perfect for holiday making by land or water, and so bright and fair that we trust it is an omen for good for the coming year. Now Christmastide is over the usual summer exodus of town and country residents has begun. The Mountain resorts are attracting many visitors, whilst the districts of Mittagong, Bowral, Moss Vale, and Sutton Forest, on the Southern line, are already being much sought after. Tasmania and New Zealand are also attracting those who prefer a different kind of change. Sydney, therefore, during the next three months will be very dull from a social point of view.

His Excellency the Governor, Lady Rawson, and Miss Rawson, with the members of the suite, have gone to the vice-regal country residence for the summer months, and will remain at Sutton Forest until Easter.

His Excellency the Admiral leaves to-day in the flagship for Hobart. H.M.S. Royal Arthur will be accompanied by several other ships of the squadron, and will remain in Tasmanian waters some weeks.

Amongst those who intended spending the summer in Tasmania are Mrs. and Miss Fanshawe, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. T. Knox, Mrs. Lumsden, Mrs. Peel, Mrs. W. Mort, and the Misses Mort. The Oonah, which leaves to-day, has a large list of passengers.

A recent number of the "Lady" says that the Society of Women Journalists in London held an evening reception in November at the Royal British Artists' Galleries. There was quite a brilliant gathering, and the new president, Lady Sarah Wilson, gave an address, and all the members present were introduced to her. A delightful entertainment was provided by Miss Lena Ashwell, who recited; Mr. Lewis Waller (who came on from the theatre after playing "Monsieur Beaucaire") recited "The Portrait" and Henry V.'s Speech before Harfleur; and music and singing were contributed by Miss Hope Morgan, Herr Egon Petri, and the New Century Orchestra. About 400 members were present, including many leading men and women in literature and journalism.

It may not be generally known that the introduction of Christmas trees into England is said to have been due to the late Duchess of Kent, grandmother of King Edward VII., and the first instance of the old German custom being observed was for the benefit of Queen Victoria, at Kensington Palace, when she was a little girl. At this present time the visitor to London can go to Kensington Palace and see the room in which the late Queen Victoria was born, also her nursery and toys and all her books. The latter are said to be most interesting, showing as they do what a variety of things the late Queen was interested in even as a child, many of the books being in three or four languages. The toys have been evidently much used, and are broken, and in the dolls' house—there are only two rooms, a dining room and kitchen—all the utensils in the kitchen being very large, showing the German characteristic of a good housewife.

The pretty little piece "Monsieur Beaucaire," which is being played at Her Majesty's Theatre, was performed for the first time in Sydney on Boxing Night before a very crowded and brilliant audience, including his Excellency the Governor, Lady Rawson and Miss Rawson, the members of his Excellency's suite, and many well-known Sydney residents. Both Miss Maud Jeffries and Mr. Julius Knight received a most enthusiastic reception. Miss Jeffries as Lady Mary Carlyle appears in the first act in a lovely shade of sky-blue oriental satin, made in the style worn about 1740, with long tight-pointed bodice, the material fully gathered round the waist, and forming paniers over the hips. The bodice and panier in front was finished with lace, and a dark-red rose, a fine lace scarf carelessly thrown round her shoulders, and a large black picture hat, completed the toilette. In the ballroom scene Miss Jeffries wears a beautiful dress of rich cream satin, the under skirt being trimmed with lace flounces, and the overskirt edged with a ruching. The pointed tight bodice was made in a similar fashion as the pale-blue, the elbow sleeves having frills of lace. In her rich auburn hair a wreath of small dark-red roses was arranged, and she carried a bunch of dark-red roses with charming effect. Another dress was of cream satin, brocaded with pale-pink roses, the overskirt having frills of pink rosebuds and lace on either side of the front panel; the bodice had bows of blue and white ribbon down the front, and on the white elbow sleeves. As Monsieur Beaucaire, Mr. Knight wears some handsome costumes, especially in the last scene as Duc d'Orleans.

The announcement of two golden weddings in our columns a few days ago is somewhat interesting, adding to the unusually long list of golden anniversaries which have been celebrated this year. They show there are still many in our midst who remember Australia in the early days. Mr. William Henry Rose, who was married on December 27, 1853, at Wiseman's Ferry, Hawkesbury River, to Miss Jane Greentree, is a grandson of the late Mr. Thomas Rose, of Dorsetshire, England, who came out as one of the staff of Governor Phillip in 1788, and resides at present at Chatswood. The other couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. Plumb, were married in England on December 24, 1853, and are now living at Ashfield.

A wedding was celebrated at the Methodist Church, Gordon, North Sydney, on Wednesday, December 23, 1903, when Miss Gertrude Bavin, daughter of the Rev. Rainsford Bavin, was married to Mr. William Parker, of Burwood. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Rainsford Bavin, father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Gordon. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. T. R. Bavin, and wore a soft white satin, ornamented with motifs of lace, chiffon, and sprays of orange blossoms. An embroidered chiffon veil was arranged over a wreath of orange blossoms. Her pearl pendant and shower bouquet were gifts from the bridegroom. The two bridesmaids, Miss Dora Bavin (sister of the bride) and Miss Lilian Parker (sister of the bridegroom), were dressed alike in pale blue mousseline de soie, shirred and trimmed with chiffon of the same shade, their burnt straw hats being relieved with touches of pink. They carried shower bouquets, presented to them by the bridegroom. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the residence of Dr. Brown, where a reception was held. Amongst those present were Mrs. Bavin, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Winchcombe and Miss Winchcombe, Mr. Horace Bavin, Mrs. and Miss Langley, Miss Gullett, Miss Winifred Gullett, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bavin, and Mr. L. Bavin.

At All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst, on Wednesday, December 16, a marriage was solemnised between Mr. Gilbert William Orr, eldest son of the late Mr. William Orr, district surveyor, of Wagga, and Miss Helen A. B. Creaghe, second daughter of Mr. R. F. Creaghe, superintendent of police, Western district. The Very Rev. Dean Marriott performed the ceremony, which was full choral. The Cathedral was beautifully decorated by the girl friends of the bride. In the chancel were arches and a trellis-like arrangement of ferns, interspersed with roses and lilies, and from the arch under which the wedding party stood a white bell was suspended. The decoration extended to the pews reserved for the guests. The bride wore a shimmering robe of white Roman satin, with chiffon flounces and rows of shirring in sets. The bodice had a transparent yoke of embroidered chiffon and an artistic drape of old rose point lace. Over her coronet of orange blossoms she wore an elaborately embroidered veil. Her shower bouquet and a half-hoop ring of diamonds and sapphires were the bridegroom's gifts. The groomsmen were Mr. Athol Stewart and Mr. Leslie Parker (Orange). The bridesmaids were the Misses Creaghe (2), sisters of the bride, in white silk spotted muslin, much shirred and piped in rows. The bodices were finished with deep collars of white silk appliqued with champagne coloured guipure. Their hats were rustic straw, trimmed with myosotis and roses, and touched with pale blue and pink ribbon respectively. Their gifts from the bridegroom were bouquets of pale pink flowers and gold necklets with diamond and pearl pendants. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crago, Messrs. Hessell Orr and Norman Orr, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. G. Hurst, Rev. J. and Mrs. Kinghorn Dean and Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Sydney Hill (Sydney), Miss Rutherford, Misses Foott (Grafton), and Miss Rankin. After the ceremony the wedding party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Creaghe, at their residence, and a large number of wedding presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Orr left by the mail train for the Mountains, the bride's going-away dress being a pale blue silk voile, and a hat of white chip straw, with white feathers. A number of the bride's girl friends were on the platform to wish her good-bye, and to present her with a bouquet of flowers.

On Saturday, December 19, the marriage of Mr. Stanley J. Channon, eldest son of Mr. Jas. Channon, of Pakenham, Hornsby, with Miss Marian Edwards, second daughter of Mr. J. G. Edwards, Springdale, Killara, was solemnised at the Methodist Church, Gordon, by the Rev. E. J. Rodd, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Hill. The church was artistically decorated by friends. The bride was dressed in ivory duchesse satin, almost covered with mousseline de soie, with transparent yoke of Breton lace, and wore a coronet of orange blossom and jasmine, and a veil fastened with a pearl dagger, which with a ruby and diamond ring had her shower bouquet were gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses Ella and Inie Edwards (sisters of the bride), Miss A. Howard (cousin of the bridegroom), and Miss F. Channon (sister of the bridegroom), and were dressed alike in cream silk with sashes of chiffon and white hats, trimmed with chiffon and feathers. They wore pearl brooches and carried shower bouquets (two of pale pink and two of dark red carnations), the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. J. Channon acted as best man, and Mr. W. Coad as groomsman. A reception was afterwards held at "Springdale," about 100 guests being entertained. Many handsome presents were received. The bride's travelling dress was blue voile trimmed with Paris lace and black hat with feathers.

The marriage of Mr. Alexander Willoughby Britton, son of the late Mr. Alexander Britton, Government Historian of New South Wales, and of Mrs. Britton, of Lauriston, Craigend-street, Darlinghurst, with Miss Ruth Bowmaker, M.A., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William George Bowmaker, of Maxwell, Marrickville, was celebrated at St. James', King-street, on Wednesday, December 30. The Rev. E. Owen, rector of All Saints', Hunter's Hill, officiated. The chancel of the church was decorated with Stars of Bethlehem. Mr. Arthur Mason played the organ. The bride, given away by her father, wore an accordeon-pleated silk gown, edged with Point de Gaze lace, and trimmed with orange blossom. A Honiton lace veil was arranged over a wreath of orange blossoms. She wore pearl ornaments, and no gloves. Her pearl star pendant and white shower bouquet were the bridegroom's gifts. Miss Jessie Bowmaker, B.A., sister of the bride, the only bridesmaid, was dressed in white silk, and a white hat wreathed in bebe roses with chiffon strings. She also wore an opal brooch and carried a pink bouquet, presented by the bridegroom. Mr. Hubert Talboys-Wheeler, of Melbourne, the bridegroom's cousin, acted as best man. A reception was held at the Australia by Mrs. Bowmaker. The presents were displayed in the drawing-room. Mr. T. T. Peterson and Mr. Frank Larkins sang. Miss Clare Harper played the piano. Mrs. Bowmaker wore a black brocade gown, and peleriine with stole ends, and a black bonnet. Mrs. Britton (the bridegroom's mother) was dressed in black fancy grenadine, with cream applique vest and collar, and a black toque swathed in white chiffon. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Furber, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Green, the Misses Harriott, Miss Blanche Bowmaker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Middleton, Mr. Callaghan, Mrs. Phelps, Rev. E. Owen, Miss Whitfeld, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jarman, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cooper, Miss Linda Cooper, Mr. E. C. Amsinck, Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Lottie Gilbert, Mr. P. M. Scott, Mr. F. Cowley, Mrs. Hoben, Mr. Sydney Hoben, Mr. J. Elphinstone, Mr. R. Banfield, Mr. J. Turner, Miss Gladys Turner, Miss Clare Mitchell, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Percy Hunter, Mrs. A. B. Baverstock, and Mrs. George Le Quesne. The bride left in soft blue voile with cream yoke, and handpainted medallions; a white picture hat with chiffon strings and a white marabout feather boa were worn. Mr. T. R. Bowmaker, B.A. (bride's brother) gave a dinner party in the evening. Mr. Talboys Wheeler (best man) gave a theatre party to "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast," and a supper party.

COUNTRY NEWS.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

MUDGEE, Friday.

This afternoon a party of picnickers went down to Cudgegong River for amusement. Swinging from a wire attached to a tall willow hanging over the water had been indulged in for some time, when Hercules Travers made the attempt, but when the swing was at its highest point, about 20ft from the water, he lost his hold, falling face downward into the river, where it was over 15ft deep. He was, after some difficulty, brought safely to land.

MUNICIPAL.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

At a meeting to-night of the municipal council, Alderman Kennedy called attention to the fact that the river was again in a turbid condition, caused by sluicing. He urged that this was a matter entirely for the consideration of the Federal Government, and moved that Sir William Lyne be asked to bring the question before the Ministry. The motion was carried. This matter was last summer the subject of resultless agitation in several towns on the Murray.

M.U.O.O.F.

RIVERINA DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

COROWA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Riverina District Manchester United Order of Oddfellows was held at the Oddfellows' Hall

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BIRTHS.

BAIRD.—December 7, at Orara, Auburn, the wife of A. C. Baird, Mungery, Tomingley—a daughter.

BRAGG.—December 9, at Tiverton, Council-street, Waverley, the wife of Arthur Bragg, Landgrove, Cootamundra—a daughter.

BROWN.—December 29, 1903, at 3 Hopetoun-street, Paddington, the wife of W. H. Brown (nee Mulder) —a son.

BURNS.—December 30, at her residence, 87 Dickson-street, Newtown, the wife of E. W. Burns, of a son.

CHOPIN.—December 30, 1903, at the residence of her father, Glassmis, Stewart-street, Paddington, the wife of F. C. Chopin, of Shellharbour, of a son.

COKER.—December 15, 1903, at her residence, Roy Villa, Dumbalong-street, Traugie, the wife of Wilson George Coker—a son.

DELOHERY.—December 20, at her residence, 190 Crown-street, the wife of James Delohery, of a daughter.

DUGUID.—December 13, at Wellesnia, Jersey-road, Burwood, the wife of John P. Duguid, of a daughter.

EWING.—December 19, at Tarma, Palace-street, Petersham, the wife of J. Ewing—a son.

FARMER.—December 2, 1903, at Pendarves, Thornton-street, Darling Point, the wife of Geo. E. Farmer —a daughter.

HOLMES.—December 22, at Warialda, the wife of H. G. Holmes, M.B. and Ch.M.—a daughter.

LACKEY.—December 19, 1903, at her residence, Philip-street, Neutral Bay, the wife of W. A. Lackey, of a daughter.

M'DERMOTT.—December 15, 1903, at Watson's Bay, the wife of H. M. M'Dermott—a son.

NAPIER.—December 26, 1903, at her residence, Moreton, Mary-street, Longueville, the wife of S. Elliott Napier—a son.

RADICKE.—December 26, 1903, at Ronsahl, Moruben-road, Mosman, the wife of Carl Radicke—a daughter (Annemarie).

REYNOLDS.—December 26, at Tantallon-avenue, Arncliffe, the wife of William Reynolds—a son (premature).

ROBISON.—December 29, 1903, at Arcadia, Woodward-avenue, Strathfield, to Mr. and Mrs. William Carr Robison—a son.

TOOMEY.—December 17, at Eblana, 249 Annandale-street, Annandale, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Toomey—a son.

WOOD.—December 20, at her residence, Mona, Palmer-street, North Sydney, the wife of William A. Wood—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ALDRICH—EDWARDS.—November 18, at the residence of the bride's parents, 5 High-street, by the Rev. J. Edwards, B.A., Henry, third son of the late Francis Cassius Aldrich, of La Perouse, to Annie, eldest daughter of Joseph Edwards, of Balmain.

ANDERSON—HOWIE.—December 1, 1903, at Pocklington, Sloane-street, Summer Hill, by the Rev. J. Paterson, of Parramatta, William Clarke, eldest son of the late William Anderson, Esq., of Mossya, to Catherine, youngest daughter of the late William Howie, Esq., of Glasgow, Scotland.

BULL—HOLDERNESS.—December 16, at Lann Ghiran, Hurstville, by the Rev. G. T. Walden, James Towers Bull, second son of the late William Bull, of Petersham, and formerly of Richmond, England, to Laura Venn, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Holderness, of Hurstville.

CARPENTER—KEDDIE.—December 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. R. Jackson, Richard Samuel, youngest son of the late L. B. Carpenter, of Kilfalowna, Woolwich, to Florence, eldest daughter of Thomas Keddie, of Narrawah, Woolwich.

COLLINS—OFFWOOD.—November 5, at Christ Church, Lavender Bay, by Rev. M'Lean, William Young, eldest son of W. J. Collins, of North Sydney, to Eva, third daughter of Edwin Offwood, North Sydney. Home papers please copy.

CRISFORD—SQUIRES.—November 17, at St. David's, Surry Hills, by the Rev. George Brown, Harris Flood, son of Caleb Crisford (late of Richmond), to Agnes, daughter of the late Elam Squires, of Penrith.

TILLOTT—JESSE.—December 2, 1903, at the Tabernacle, Enmore, by G. T. Walden, Albert William, eldest son of J. Tillott, of Enmore, to Amy Constance, daughter of the late Mrs. A. M. Jesse, of Enmore.

HOLE—MACPHERSON.—December 16, 1903, at the Glebe Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. T. E. Clouston, D.D., Lincoln, sixth son of Samuel Hole, to Christina, second daughter of the late Donald MacPherson, of Springfield, Burdekin.

LUDLOW—HORNE.—November 12, 1903, at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. E. C. Beck, Reg., eldest son of Mrs. E. Ludlow, Glebe Point, to Lizzie, fourth daughter of Mrs. K. Horne, Avoca, Glenmore-road, Paddington.

MACK—KNIGHT.—December 29, at St. Mary's, Melbourne, by the Rev. A. J. Priest, Sidney Mack, barrister-at-law, son of the late Rev. Hans Mack, to Marguerite Kate, daughter of Godfrey Knight, Esq., Mansfield, and niece of Hon. Sir James Prendergast, ex-Chief Justice of New Zealand.

SCOTT—TRAIN.—November 26, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Rosslle, by the Rev. G. Laverty, James, only son of William Scott, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, to Edith W., eldest daughter of Captain Thomas Train.

STEWART—SUMMERBELL.—December 30, John Robert Stewart, eldest surviving son of the late Thomas Stewart, of Redfern, to Myra Ida Summerbell (nee Wangenheim), youngest daughter of the late Gustavus Wangenheim.

WILEY—WING.—December 16, at the Wesleyan Church, William-street, by the Rev. Hulse Rogers, William Henry White, eldest son of H. D. White, of Sydney, to Alice Elizabeth, youngest daughter of William Wing, of Darlinghurst.

DEATHS.

BURLEY.—December 29, 1903, at Stawell, Victoria, Joseph Henry Burley, beloved brother of M. A. Burley, Randwick, and John R. Burley, Melbourne.

DOWNIE.—January 1, 1904, at his residence, Florence Cottage, Vernon-street, Dulwich Hill, William Thomas Downie, late of Ballarat, Victoria, aged 72 years.

DUNLOP.—December 29, 1903, at Newcastle Hospital, Boyd Dunlop, of Croydon, Queensland, eldest beloved son of the late Robert Dunlop and Mrs. C. J. Myers, of Spring-street, Arncliffe, aged 35 years.

FARRELL.—December 30, 1903, at her residence, 23 Manning-street, Rozelle, Isabella, beloved wife of James Farrell, and daughter of the late Robert Amew, aged 40. R.I.P.

GRIERSON.—December 31, at Kumeralla, Manly, Mary Ann Grierson, the dearly beloved mother of Robert and Laura Grierson, aged 76 years.

LARAGHY.—December 31, 1903, at Singleton, Ida May, dearly beloved and only daughter of A. J. and Amy Laraghy, aged 13½ years.

LEVELL.—December 23rd, at Wagga, Margaret, relict of the late John Levell, of Malebo, aged 70 years, leaving 1 son and 5 daughters.

LEWIS.—January 1, 1904, at his late residence, Keera, Wyombe-road, Neutral Bay, Wilfred de Courcey Lewis, aged 36 years, chief draftsman Land Titles office.

McGECHAN.—December 31, 1903, at her residence, Killara, Railway-avenue, Stanmore, Margaret, widow of the late James McGechan, sen., in her 69th year.

O'DONNELL.—December 24, 1903, at Willoughby, North Sydney, John O'Connell, native of Cloyne, Co. Cork, Ireland. R.I.P.

O'SULLIVAN.—December 17, 1903, at her late residence, 40 Womerah-avenue, Darlinghurst, Catherine O'Sullivan, in her 90th year. R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM.

ALLEN.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear husband, John Henry Allen, who departed this life December 31, 1904. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Though lost to sight, to memory dear.

BAIN.—In fond and loving remembrance of my dear grandfather, John Bain, sen., scalemaker, late of 87 Park-street, who departed this life on January 2, 1874, also his loving daughter, Emma Fischer, who departed this life on April 10, 1903, aged 48 years. Inserted by his loving grandchildren and only daughter of above, Mrs. E. White, 114 Flinders-street, Moore Park. Dead but never forgotten.

BARNETT.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved mother, Julia Barnett, who died suddenly at Sans Souci, January 2, 1898. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Millie and Nat Lewis. G.B.H.S.

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BREMNER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, who departed this life January 2, 1900, aged 30 years. His memory dwells within the heart of one who knew his worth. Inserted by his loving wife, I. T. Bremner.

BREMNER.—In loving memory of my dear uncle, James Bremner, who died January 2, 1901. Inserted by his loving nephew, Norman Bremner.

BREMNER.—In loving memory of my dear uncle, James Bremner, who departed this life January 2, 1900. Inserted by his loving nephew and niece, William and Ethel Sutherland.

HARRIS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Ellen Jane Harris, who departed this life January 3, 1902. Inserted by her loving son, William H. Harris.

MAVER.—In sad but loving memory of my beloved husband and our dear father, Andrew Maver, who died on January 2, 1903, aged 50 years. Leave may wither, but memory never. Inserted by his loving wife and children, A. J. Maver, John, Maggie, and Christie.

MAVER.—In loving memory of our dear uncle Andrew, who departed this life on January 2, 1902. Sadly missed. Inserted by his loving nieces, J. C. Walker, C. and E. Maver.

LEE.—In Loving Remembrance of our dear Father, John James Lee, who died January 2nd, 1901.
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.
Inserted by his sons, John, Joseph, and William.

NEWHATT.—In sad but loving memory of my beloved wife, Ellen Sophia, who died January 3, 1903. Inserted by her affectionate husband, Geo. Newhatt.

ROBERTSHAW.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly beloved wife and our dear mother, who departed this life January 2, 1903, aged 42 years, at her residence, Francis-street, Leichhardt. So dearly loved, so sadly missed. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

ROSENTHAL.—Accidentally killed at Manilla, N.S.W., January 2, 1899. Julius George Rosenthal Raphael, only beloved son of E. M. Raphael Rosenthal, Stanmore.

TOOHER.—In sad but loving memory of our dear father, Michael Tooher, who departed this life January 2, 1903. Inserted by his loving daughters. R.I.P.

WOODCOCK.—In sad and loving remembrance of my departed brother, Frederick Harvey Woodcock, who passed away at his late residence, 302 Crown-street, Surry Hills, on January 2, 1902. Inserted by his sister Louisa.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. J. E. PAULEY and FAMILY return their sincere THANKS to the Doctors and Matron and Nurses of the Prince Alfred Hospital for their unremitting kindness and attention to their late husband and father during the course of his illness; also to the Tramway (per. way) Officials and Employees, and kind friends who sent letters, cards, telegrams, and floral tributes during their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. PEET and FAMILY, of Cameron-street, Rockdale, desire to express their sincere THANKS to their many kind friends, railway staff generally, and Waratah G.P.O. officials, for their sympathy, letters of condolence, telegrams, cards, and floral tributes in the irreparable loss of our dear Son and Brother, Charles, late night-officer, Waratah.

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THE WAR—AND AFTER.

Whilst it may be that the despatch of those 5000 Japanese troops to Korea, of which our cables this morning inform us, has really decided the question of peace or war, there is an active undercurrent of speculation as to the eventualities of an outbreak. There are first the reasons for and against war, then the chances of either Powers being engaged, and then the respective probabilities in the event of either Power being victorious. For practical purposes it would seem that the second consideration may fairly be left out of the account. The terms of the Anglo-Japanese treaty appear to have been specially drawn to meet such a contingency, and if the diplomatists at Tokio had that result in view the articles do credit to their success in the study of Western whys. At any rate, Great Britain is now a standing and formidable obstacle to any such outside interference, though a question of some nicety might arise in the case of China. The active or passive sympathies of that country might easily prove of considerable importance to either combatant, and a good deal of attention is attracted by the attitude of China. Our cables point to an inclination on the part of the reform party towards Japan, while the Dowager Empress and the Conservatives favour Russia, as much from fear perhaps as from any other motive. But no doubt other pressure will be exerted to keep Peking neutral, though, of course, the future of China will be powerfully influenced whatever the result of a war between Russia and Japan may be. We may take it, however, that for the present, at least, there is no likelihood of the impending Russo-Japanese duel being interfered with, and the chances for or against an actual outbreak of hostilities lie mainly, if not entirely, between the two Powers. Why, it may then be asked, should Russia go to war with Japan, or Japan with Russia? The immediate details of their respective interests in the Manchurian and Korean questions are familiarised to us by the cables from day to day, though it ought not to be forgotten that the interest of China in those questions is at least as great as that of either. But Russia's interest is one based on the national policy of Far Eastern expansion, while that of Japan rests on the instinct of self-protection. Russia's policy dates as far back, or nearly so, as the modern development of Japan.

The rapid growth of the Mikado's power was not foreseen when the Muscovite plans were laid, and before the Chino-Japanese war the possibility of Russian designs on the northern coasts of Japan was freely discussed. Over ten years ago they had a Greek church in Tokio, with several others about the country to the northward, and observers of a cynical turn had formed a habit of speculating pleasantly as to the part the protection of these idle edifices might play in a scheme of Russian aggression. The demand for an ice-free port and a free outlet to the sea pressed heavily on Russia, pent as she was in the Baltic, blocked in the Black Sea by the Treaty of Paris, and ice-bound during most of the year at Vladivostock. The Siberian railway was her gigantic scheme of escape from this isolation, and the seizure of Port Arthur simplified her plans. If Japan proves victorious in the war now threatening such a success would jeopardise all these schemes of expansion, and probably paralyse Russian policy in the Far East. But if Tokio should prove as determined in her demands as her present attitude shows her to be, Russia would have no option but to accept the challenge or else weakly retire from a position which has cost her many millions of roubles to attain, and on which the success of the plans and policy of many years is staked. The fact is that for at least ten or twelve years past there has been a race in the Far East between Russia and Japan, and the converging lines of development have now met. Will Russia give way? There are instances of her having given way before, or of coming to a standstill. Skobeleff was turned back after Plevna, when he had Constantinople at his feet. Nicholas sued for peace after Sebastopol. Our ally, the late Ameer, interposed an effective obstacle to Russian advance in Central Asia, and the Penjdeh incident is not forgotten. Even the recent story of Moukden has its lesson. But would the explanations which operated in any or all of these instances apply now, after a certain point of crisis has been reached? That must be doubted. There is too much reason to fear that the point of crisis has been reached and passed, and that the present delay is being actively used by both sides for the purposes of hurried preparation. It may indeed be argued that the Czar's personal influence is on the side of peace, and it has always to be remembered that the authoritative and final word which will decide for Russia the question of peace or war must be pronounced by the Czar. That is the supreme test of despotic rule, and however much the Monarch may be guided by his advisers its abrogation would turn the sway of the Romanoffs into a limited monarchy tomorrow. But there are circumstances and conditions which are stronger even than the will of the Czar, and the peculiar danger of the existing situation is that Russia has now to face them.

The national pride of race is brought to the test by this imbroglio with Japan. Russia is first and last a military nation. She is also an Asiatic Power. On both grounds she is challenged, and her prestige in Europe is involved as well. Defeat by Japan would mean disaster to all three, and the collapse of years of policy. In only a less degree the acceptance of Japanese dictation now, and the avoidance of war on these terms, would amount to the same thing. In such an event, too, Japan would have to face the certainty of war later on, when Russia had time to strengthen her effective force in the Far East. But the immediate question concerns the power of Russia to withdraw from her present position without fighting, and without sacrificing the military pride of the army and the racial pride of the people. In certain respects the nearest parallel is to be found in the situation of Great Britain when confronted with the Kruger ultimatum. The main argument which commended the war to the approval of the British nation at home and abroad was the conviction that British prestige and the whole British future were involved. The seat of the war was in South Africa, but the issue was a world-wide one, and to that consideration was due the entire significance of the impulse by which the nation at home and abroad, from Australia to Canada, took up arms. Can Russia ignore that example? Can the Czar afford to ignore it, having regard to the interests of his dynasty? That is the question which Japan has raised. If Japan has unduly forced the issue the explanation appears to lie in the excited condition of the national sentiment, which has, according to our cables, been bringing popular pressure to bear on the Mikado's advisers for some time. The incident in the Diet cannot be argued away, and there are indications that the nation in Japan has taken the issue in hand, and that the Mikado and the governing forces find themselves in the same difficulty as that which confronts the Czar. Nothing is impossible to diplomacy, as history has shown in many memorable instances. But in the face of such a crisis as we must believe is now impending, if not actually present, in the Far East, diplomacy is silenced.

THE CHARITIES OF THE STATE.

During the year ended last June the State expenditure on hospitals and charities reached the great sum of £578,307. This, of course, is apart altogether from private subscriptions and donations to charitable institutions, apart from the special funds raised to meet special cases of destitution, apart from the value of the land wherewith institutions have been endowed, and of the gifts of the charitably disposed to individuals. It would be well within the mark to put these private activities down as another quarter of a million of money. The £578,307 granted by the State is apart also from the upwards of half a million spent every year in old-age pensions. We were promised by Sir William Lyne when the Old Age Pensions Act was passed that what was spent in this direction would be saved in another—that our asylums for the destitute, for instance, would soon be emptied. Hitherto, at any rate, this result has not made its appearance. The first amount paid under the Act was £531,823, and the pension list has been growing since. So has the general charitable vote. It was £487,736 in 1900, and now, as we have seen, it is £578,307. Of this sum, £74,407 was spent from loan money, as if the building of hospitals, the purchase of a site for an inebriates' home, flood relief works, and the erection of shelter sheds for waterside workers could with the most elastic stretch of the imagination come under the category of reproductive works. The worst of it is that nobody who has observed the methods of the present Government, nobody, say, who has read the reports of the inquiries into the Cockatoo Dock and the Prince Alfred Hospital affairs, can have any confidence that the money was spent wisely. We saw the other day how the Government forced money on denominational institutions, though one at least professed its ability to do without. It is more than probable that the Government in its administration of the charitable vote has been guilty of the wanton extravagance which has marked its calamitous career until now, the eve of the day of reckoning, when Sir John See and his abettors seek a place for repentance with tears.

This part of the New South Wales "Statistical Register," which is devoted to "Hospitals and Charities," supports the contention which has all along been made that this State liberally caters for the sick and destitute of other countries. Consider the birthplaces of the applicants for Government orders to hospitals and asylums. There were 11,887 such applicants in the year under notice, and of these only 3394 were born in New South Wales. The United Kingdom supplied 5890, the other Australian States and New Zealand were credited with 917, whilst 1086 hailed from other parts of the world. Thus nearly one half of the applicants for relief were born in the United Kingdom, and if we had only to make provision for our own people the vote might be cut down appreciably. This is the normal proportion of natives of the United Kingdom seeking relief. They supply less than a quarter of our population, and always about half of our applicants for relief. Taking the five years 1898-1902 we find that 49 per cent. of the applicants for relief came from England, Ireland, and Scotland; 34.4 per cent. were born in New South Wales, 8.9 per cent. came from foreign countries, and 7.7 per cent. from the other Australian States and New Zealand. But, it may be said, those applicants who are not natives of New South Wales may have spent the best years of their life in the State, assisting its development and increasing its wealth. Some of them have, and they are as much entitled to help and relief when they need it as any of our natives who have been unfortunate. But what of the 259 persons who had been under one month in New South Wales when they applied for relief in 1902? What of the 306 persons who had been resident under six months? Or the 268 whose residence had not extended over one year? Or the 689 persons whose residence had not extended over five years? It would seem as if the old reputation of New South Wales—as a pleasant land, with an excellent climate, where the State provides plentifully for the sick and indigent—still stands to our credit in the other States. Of course, we have to pay a penalty for our possession of the first port in this part of the world, but it is more than a question whether we can bear the price which a Government like the present is willing to pay.

It is, of course, incumbent on a humane and Christian State that it should come to the assistance of those of its inhabitants who have fallen upon evil days, or who have been visited by mental or physical disease, or those whom old age finds without resources and without friends. It is also its duty to aid with liberality the efforts of private persons to cope with sickness or distress in their immediate neighbourhood. Scattered throughout this country there are excellent hospitals where the sick can obtain the care and treatment which only enlightened physicians, aided by trained nursing, can give. Obviously it would be preposterous to demand that these local hospitals, most of which do beneficent work, should be supported entirely by local effort, and the general public, represented by the Government, comes to the assistance of the charitably disposed by grants of land, by special subsidies to the building fund, and by doubling the amount raised annually by means of private subscriptions. Nor is this all. Should an epidemic break out in any place, the Government makes special efforts to subdue it by strengthening the medical and nursing staffs, and by increasing the accommodation. Cases which cannot be treated in local hospitals with the latest refinements of science are conveyed to Sydney, where as much care is taken of patients as if they were millionaires. All this is quite right, but there is a danger of liberality being carried too far, and of money being expended with a lavish hand without any corresponding benefit to the State. This danger becomes a certainty when people induce themselves to believe that "Government" is an independent institution with an inexhaustible private income, and when members of the Government look upon themselves, not as trustees of the public estate, but as noble-minded persons to whom no appeal for help, whether warranted by circumstances or not, may be made in vain. They squander public money, and then pose as generous benefactors, with eloquent talk about their hearts going out to the sufferers and about trying to soften the poignancy of their woes. If it were the public heart and the Ministerial purse that were affected, there would be nothing to say; but unfortunately it is the public purse and the Ministerial heart. There should be reason and the application of business principles in all things, even in the distribution of charity; and especially when the charity distributed is at the public expense.

To-day's "Herald."—Mr. Lucy refers in his last letter to historic houses in London, where the custom is growing of marking the habitation of distinguished men. Such a custom is worth introducing here. There are houses in Sydney which will in time possess a historic value, and the Historical Society might give its attention to the matter. The etiquette of Parliament and business in regard to hats, the graves of the Arnolds at Ambleside, and other subjects will be found touched in Mr. Lucy's column. The writer of "A Woman's Letter" deals with the Christmas movements of the Royal family, the visit of the Italian Sovereigns to London, and the winter fashions. A contributor in a second article sketches the pleasant life of Norfolk Island. Among our reviews is a notice of a new book about cricket and cricketers. The country grievance of unfair assessments of agricultural areas for land tax purposes is dealt with in the "On the Land" column.

Cable Rates.—It is notified that during the interruption of the St. Kitts-St. Thomas cable the following rates will be collected from Brest, Havre, or London, via Key West and Haiti:—For Antigua, 7.60f; Dominica, 8.90f; St. Kitts, 7.95f per word. Rates for other offices, via Key West and Haiti, remain unchanged.

The Mails.—The English mails by the R.M.S. India, bearing the date of London, December 4, and the Continental mails by the French mail steamer Dumbea, will reach Sydney in time for delivery on Tuesday next.

In connection with the Randwick races to-day the Railway Commissioners notify that a frequent service of trams will be run to the racecourse from Circular Quay and the Railway Institute, commencing at 11.40 a.m. The first-class tram will leave Bridge-street at 12.30 p.m. It is also notified that a special service will be run to the Cricket Ground in connection with the Bicycle Sports, commencing at 1.0 p.m.

The Railway Commissioners notify that commencing on Monday next, 4th instant, the 5.28 a.m. tram ex Randwick will be altered to leave Cooges at 5.10 a.m. and Randwick at 5.20, arriving at Circular Quay 5.52 a.m. It is also notified that additional trams will be run on the King-street line as follows:—Leaving King-street, 6.15, 6.35, 6.55, and 7.15 a.m.; and Ocean-street, 6¼, 6.34, and 6.54 a.m.; and for the convenience of bathers a tram will leave Bridge-street at 6.0 a.m. for The Spit daily (Sundays excepted).

A combined rail and steamer excursion to the Hawkesbury will be made this morning. Train will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. Round trips between Sydney and Windsor are announced for Wednesday and Thursday next.

It is notified elsewhere that requisition lists are being signed for presentation to Alderman E. Landsay Thompson, asking him to become a candidate for the Burwood seat in the State Parliament.

ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA.

SECOND TEST MATCH.

GREAT ATTENDANCE

ENGLISHMEN TWO FOR 221.

SLOW SCORING.

VISITORS IN A GOOD POSITION.

GOOD LENGTH BOWLING.

EXCELLENT FIELDING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The weather was bright but hot when the second test match was commenced on the Melbourne Cricket Ground to-day. There was a great crowd of spectators. At noon about 12,000 persons being present, and during the afternoon the attendance increased to 32,000. The Englishmen batted first, and at the end of the day's play two wickets had fallen for 221 runs.

Mr. Warner decided to leave out Arnold and Bosanquet. The former had wrenched the muscles of one of his legs, and though Sir Thomas Fitzgerald said that he could play without risk, Mr. Warner thought it very unwise to take any risks whatever. Bosanquet had one of his hands bandaged, the result of a hard drive by Hayward while practising on Wednesday. It was a great blow to the English captain to have to leave out two men who have proved so useful, especially with the ball. Fielder and Knight thus got into their first test match.

ENGLAND WINS THE TOSS.

Noble was elected captain of the Australian team. There was some suspense as he and Warner entered the arena to toss for the choice of innings. The demeanour of Warner when the coin fell to the earth was an indication to the crowd that he had won the toss, and a cheer went forth in congratulation. The wicket looked so hard and fast that it might be half the battle to have the first innings. The amount of enthusiasm amongst the crowd was clearly shown in the cheering of the men on their appearance in the field, and also on the arrival of Hayward and Warner, and then in respect of Trumble's appearance at the bowling crease. During the recent interstate match one sightboard—that at the pavilion end—was dispensed with. Shortly after play opened consultation between Warner and Noble ended in the latter retiring to the pavilion, and he gave instructions to the caretaker to have the board replaced. The reason for its removal was that its presence interfered with the view of the people in the reserve. The entrance to the ground was in line with the wicket, and the moving throng took the bateman's sight off the ball.

Warner took strike to Trumble, and his second was driven past Gregory at extra mid-off, and 2 runs were registered. When the total was 9, and Warner 7, he drove Trumble high back, and the latter jumping just touched the ball with his right hand. Warner twice got Trumble way to the on-boundary, and made himself 11 out of 16 on the board, the outcome of 25 minutes' play.

Runs came slowly, both bowlers sending down maiden overs. Noble delivered six, of which four were uneventful, for 4 runs. He, however, retired at 19 in favour of Saunders. The batsmen were very cautious to anything pitched outside the off stump. Saunders, however, could not keep them there, and Warner profiting thereby, got him to the on for 9 in one over—two fourers and a single—and a single went to Hayward. These on-hits of Warner caused Armstrong to be brought round to stop the stroke, but the English captain batted to the vacancy at short leg. At 31, and when he was 7, Hayward was badly missed by Kelly off Trumble. The Surrey professional left his ground, and was beaten.

A PLAGUE OF FLIES.

The left-hander sent out some good ones in his fourth over

THE GREAT THEATRE FIRE.

AN APPALLING CALAMITY.

SOME TERRIBLE STRUGGLES FOR LIFE.

A SPECTACLE OF HORROR. DISASTROUS MISTAKES.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

In respect of the terrible calamity which occurred at the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, on Wednesday, and resulted in more than 600 persons being killed, later accounts show that the performance at which the outbreak occurred was a matinee one of the pantomime, "Blue Beard," and it was attended mostly by mothers with their children.

The manager of the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, attributes the cause of the fire to the bursting of a carbide of calcium tank.

The theatre was in darkness at the time, the lights having been lowered to increase the effect of a song.

FIRE APPLIANCES INEFFECTUAL.

During the fire a panic arose amongst the amateur firemen on the stage, and it exceeded that by which the audience was seized.

An attempt was made, but it proved ineffectual, to use the patent extinguisher against the first outburst of the fire, but the draught created by the flames blew the asbestos curtain against the proscenium.

The asbestos curtain had been partly lowered, but it became blocked, and the firemen then fled for their lives.

The wire used in connection with an aerial flight earlier in the performance prevented the lowering of the asbestos curtain.

SUFFERINGS OF THE ACTRESSES.

Many of the actresses and chorus girls fled by an alley behind the theatre. They were lightly clad, and suffered severely from the intense cold.

Scores of chorus girls and 60 supernumeraries escaped through a coal hole in the basement.

THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

The members of the audience fought in the darkness and smoke to reach the three or four doors they knew, though the theatre was provided with 40 ample exits.

The leading comedian pluckily tried to stem the panic.

WOMEN HURLED TO THE PAVEMENT.

As the theatre was not quite finished one gallery and the escape outside were without a ladder to the pavement, which was 50ft below.

This escape was crowded by frantic women. Twenty were pushed over the railings and killed. The other women on the escape were ultimately rescued.

SOME FORTUNATE ESCAPES.

A little girl, unassisted, escaped by walking over the heads of a mass of wedged fugitives.

Two children, observing the fire, opened an exit and escaped, while many around were dazed.

Mr. Quinn, a railway agent, saved over 100 performers, who were wedged against the stage entrance, by using pocket tools to remove fastenings, thus enabling a door to drop just as the flames were overtaking the fugitives.

Miss Plamondon's party escaped from the boxes by walking over a pile of persons who had fainted almost within reach of safety.

A BISHOP'S EFFORTS.

Bishop Muldoon (Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop for Chicago) climbed the gallery and begged the people to trust in God. He gave absolution to the dying.

RAPIDITY OF THE DISASTER.

Within 10 minutes all the mischief was done, the conflagration having been of great suddenness.

AFTER THE FIRE.

A DREADFUL SPECTACLE.

Many of the victims of the conflagration were found seated asphyxiated, facing the stage.

Bodies were found stretching 8ft beyond the door of the balcony and towards the staircase, and were piled to within 2ft of the ceiling of the passage.

Scores of bodies were naked, their faces not being distinguishable owing to having been trampled upon.

Bishop Fallows (of the Reformed Episcopal Church), who helped in the work of rescue, declares that the sights were more gruesome and bloody than those of a battlefield.

THE LOSS OF LIFE.

DIFFICULTY OF IDENTIFICATION.

There are 314 persons still missing.

Fifty-seven dead girls have not been identified.

So far 564 bodies have been recovered. 157 persons were injured, and of these a third are expected to die.

Several whole families have been wiped out.

Five bushels of purses, furs, and handkerchiefs were collected.

One man found in the morgue the bodies of five of his relatives. A father identified his headless son by his watch.

Mr. Ingien, a millionaire, lost five sons.

APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDING.

The auditorium of the theatre resembles a burnt-out volcano, but the fabric of the building is comparatively little injured.

The building was insured for only 10,000 dollars (about £2000), as the owners believed that it was fireproof.

PLUNDERERS OF THE DEAD.

A dozen thieves have been arrested for plundering the dead.

THE BURIALS.

The livery stables employees who are on strike have agreed to a truce for ten days to bury the dead.

BRITISH SYMPATHY.

The Lord Mayor of London (Sir J. T. Ritchie) has expressed to the United States Ambassador to Great Britain (Mr. J. H. Choate), the deep sympathy of the corporation and the people of London in the great disaster.

FISCAL CONTROVERSY.

THE INVITATION TO MR CHAMBERLAIN.

BRITISH PRESS SPECULATIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that Mr. Deakin has asked Mr. Chamberlain to stump Australia to secure an offer of trade preference, which he professes to already have in his pocket.

The "Times" says that Mr. Deakin would hardly venture to invite Mr. Chamberlain unless confident that he has the approval and sympathy of the great majority of Australians; but that it is hardly likely Mr. Chamberlain would convert a holiday abroad in February into a fiscal campaign in the antipodes; yet there are hopes, the "Times" adds, that Mr. Chamberlain will soon be able to accept an invitation, and will probably be able to educate Australia and New Zealand to offer still more effectual preference than at present as soon as Great Britain has decided upon tariff reform.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

REPLY TO MR. DEAKIN'S INVITATION.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Yesterday the Prime Minister cabled to Mr. Chamberlain an invitation to visit Australia. Mr. Chamberlain cabled in reply:—"I am deeply grateful to you and your Ministry for your flattering invitation and for the assurance you give of a cordial welcome from the people of Australia. I recognise the advantage and pleasure to myself of such a visit as you suggest, but at this stage of the great campaign for unity of the Empire, in which I rejoice to have your sympathy and support, I think I can best serve our common cause by devoting myself to its promotion here, where the motherland is called upon to say what answer she will make to the advances of her children across the seas. I do not doubt she will be ready to meet in cordial spirit all the proposals for strengthening the bonds between us, but until her mandate has been given I cannot leave for a lengthened absence. At a future time, I hope not distant, I may be able to avail myself of the invitation so generously given. Meanwhile I accept it as a fresh encouragement, and as evidence that the Commonwealth of Australia is not indifferent to the duties cast upon all of us, in the present condition of the world, to weld together the Empire which is our common heritage, won for us by the sacrifices of our forefathers, and only to be maintained by the devotion of their descendants to the same ideal."

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

There are no New Year honours; and, instead, honours in future will be given on Coronation Day.

The Adelaide Steamship Company's steamer Grantala on her trial trip attained a speed of 16 knots.

The Grantala is the sister ship of the Yongala, which recently arrived here from the builders' hands, and which leaves Sydney this morning on her initial trip to Western Australia, via ports. She is a steel screw passenger and cargo vessel, 365ft in length, with a beam of 45ft, and was launched on May 28 last from the Walker shipyard of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Limited. Like her sister ship, the Grantala is to be employed in the coastal trade, and has been built to meet the 100 A1 requirements of Lloyd's. Accommodation has been provided for 110 first-class and about 130 second-class passengers. She is elegantly fitted up, and elaborately furnished and upholstered. Electrically driven exhausting fans are fitted in suitable parts of the vessel, and the electric light has been installed throughout. The propelling machinery consists of a set of engines of the triple-expansion type, capable of driving the steamer at an average speed of about 15 knots.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE LABOUR PROBLEM.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The vote given in the Transvaal Legislative Council on the motion of Sir George Farrar in favour of making an experimental importation of Chinese labourers for the mines is believed to be fairly representative of the opinion of the country. All the Boers present supported the motion except one. The majority included 12 officials and 10 non-official members of the Chamber.

FRENCH TRANSPORT LOST.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The French transport Vienne, which left Rochefort for Toulon with a cargo of gunpowder and a crew of 50, is now considered to have been lost.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

As Siam has accepted the basis for an additional convention with France M. Delcasse, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, has extended the period for ratifying the old treaty till the middle of February.

THE WEST INDIES.

GERMANY SEEKS A COALING STATION.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Germany is trying to secure a coaling station at St. Thomas, one of the Danish islands in the West Indies.

The United States is watchful, holding Denmark bound either to sell the islands to America, or to retain them.

THE BAKERS' STRIKE IN PARIS.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ANARCHISTS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The bakers' strike in Paris has degenerated into an anarchist movement.

The mob are pillaging shops and smashing windows.

IMPERIAL REVENUE RETURNS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The revenue of the United Kingdom for the past quarter amounted to £33,540,884. To this amount Customs contributed £8,772,915, excise £10,947,000, and stamp duties £2,080,000.

THE WAR OF FREIGHTS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The mail steamers have reduced the freights to Australia to 35s per ton fine and to 50s per ton rough measurement.

A telegram from Armidale, published in Wednesday's "Herald," stated incorrectly that Dubbo had been selected as the town where the next annual fire brigades' demonstration was to be held. The name was incorrectly sent, Forbes being the town which has been chosen for the distinction.

A WELCOME PRESENT.

A Box of LLOYD'S Is 3d CEYLON TEA, a REAL TREAT. 5lb 6s 3d, 11lb 12s 10d, order early. LLOYD'S, 109 King-st, and 524 Geo.-st, city.—Advt.

The Rev. J. H. Chasseling, late vicar of Ballan, Victoria, begins his ministry as assistant priest in St. Thomas', North Sydney, to-morrow.

Eleven Fijian teachers with their wives will take part in the services at Wesley Church to-morrow.

THE WAR CLOUD.

IN THE FAR EAST.

OMINOUS MILITARY MOVEMENT.

JAPANESE TROOPS FOR KOREA.

FIVE THOUSAND TO EMBARK AT ONCE.

ARMING MERCANTILE CRUISERS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Kiushiu railways have been ordered to-morrow to transport 5000 troops to Nagasaki, whence they will embark for Korea.

Japan is equipping three fast mercantile steamers as armed cruisers.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS RECALLED.

TO PREVENT CAPTURE.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The Russian transports Ekaterinoslav and Kazan, which recently sailed from Odessa with reinforcements for the Far East, have been recalled, Russia fearing the possibility of their being captured by the Japanese.

THE CONTINENT PESSIMISTIC.

PRELUDE TO AN ULTIMATUM.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The mobilisation of the Japanese Army is regarded on the Continent as the prelude to the issue by Japan of an ultimatum if Russia rejects the minimum demands of that Power.

CHINESE APPREHENSIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Chinese Imperial Railway has withdrawn its rolling stock from the North, and in the event of trouble China will ask Great Britain to take over the line.

RUSSIAN NAVAL STATIONS.

PRESSURE ON KOREA.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister to Korea, is straining every nerve to induce Korea to lease Mesampho and Chinhai for Russian naval stations.

NOTES ON THE SITUATION.

JAPAN FORCING RUSSIA'S HAND.

"THE COCKPIT OF THE EAST."

The news that Japan is despatching 5000 troops to Korea would suggest that the declaration of war cannot be much longer delayed. In diplomatic language this is a "demonstration" on the part of Japan, obviously made to influence and accelerate Russia's reply to her minimum demands. But a demonstration of this kind places Russia in a position from which she can only extricate herself by one of two expedients. She may accede to Japan's demands in regard to Manchuria and Korea. That would mean—to use the expressive Eastern colloquialism—that she would "lose face," i.e., forfeit the respect and fear in which she is now held among all the nations of the East. Her prestige would be shattered; her power would be gone. The millions she has expended in Manchuria might as well have been emptied into the Baltic. The other alternative is war. Even a losing war would damage Russia's prestige less than a tardy acquiescence with Japan's demands, wrung from her at the point of the bayonet. There is little doubt as to which path Russia will take.

If, as seems probable, Korea is to be the chief theatre of the war, that unhappy country will again have an experience that must be becoming rather monotonous to her. The earliest annals of the East contain accounts of ferocious and bloodthirsty battles between the Koreans and the Japanese. Throughout, the Koreans have expressed a sublime contempt for the Japanese "barbarians," but their belief in their own superiority must have been severely shaken by the issue of nearly every encounter between the troops of the two nations. On one occasion, it is reported, the Japanese took back in their ships the ears of 10,000 Koreans. Korea has well earned the title that is given it—"The Cockpit of the East." Japan is extremely favourably situated for operations in Korea. She has the port of Shimonoseki within about 120 miles of Fusan, and Nagasaki is only two days' steam distant. Although the railway between Seoul and Fusan has not yet been completed, a greater part of the distance has been laid, and Japan would have little difficulty in occupying the Korean capital. It will be first blood for Japan if she succeeds in doing so.

SOMALILAND.

MULLAH EXPECTED TO FIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The mullah is expected to fight at Jidballi, as he believes that it is the key of the Valley of the Nogal.

There is little hope of capturing the Mullah or of dealing a final blow.

THE FORT DURBO INCIDENT.

ITALIANS HONOUR THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Commander Ernest F. A. Gaunt, of H.M.S. Mohawk, who was severely wounded in the attack upon Fort Durbo, Italian Somaliland, is making good progress towards recovery.

A number of Italian seamen rowed round and serenaded the British warships at Aden, a string band playing selections of operatic music.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Mr. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, estimates the traffic receipts of the Pacific cable for 1903 at £77,000.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The price of bar silver to-day is 2s 2d per ounce standard, a fall of ¼d.

QUEENSLAND.

THE ATTEMPTED OUTRAGE AT REDCLIFFE.

BRISBANE, Friday.

Up to the present no arrest has been made in connection with the attempted outrage at Queen's Beach. The Acting-Sergeant of Police at Redcliffe has had the assistance of a constable temporarily stationed at Woody Point, and the search for the assailant was continued to-day, but owing to the large number of people arriving and departing the matter is rendered extremely difficult. The fact that the police are operating in uniform is likely to militate against the possibility of success. There is a considerable number of campers out in the district, and it is thought by some that the culprit was one of them.

GOLD RECEIVED AT THE MINTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The quantity of Victorian gold actually received at the Melbourne Mint during the year ended December 31 reached a total of 819,714oz, as compared with 784,746oz last year, and 790,050oz in the year 1901.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Friday.

During the year just ended 1,157,562oz of gold, valued at £5,156,482, were received at the Perth Mint.

VICTORIA.

DEAF AND DUMB CONGRESS.

VISITING DELEGATES ENTERTAINED.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The New South Wales and South Australian delegates to the Deaf and Dumb Congress, which concluded its work this week, were entertained to-day by the Victorian delegates at a social gathering on Scotch College Cricket Ground. A programme of footraces provided plenty of fun, and the gathering, despite its silence, appeared to be a happy and enjoyable one. A cricket match between deaf mutes, representing New South Wales and Victoria, resulted in a win for Victoria by five wickets and two runs. The visitors scored 112 runs, and the Victorians made 114, with the loss of five wickets.

AUSTRALIAN WINES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Minister for Lands and Agriculture has suggested to the Premier, Mr. Irvine, that representations be made to the Federal Government with a view to having Australian wines admitted into South Africa on the same terms as French wines. Wines containing less than 26 per cent. alcohol are subject to a duty in South Africa of 4s per gallon, and those containing over 20 per cent. alcohol are charged 8s per gallon. The bulk of the Australian product contains over 20 per cent., while French makes contain under 20 per cent, and thus reap considerable advantage

BERI BERI FEVER.

The Russian ship Imperator Alexander II., which arrived in Hobson's Bay last night from St. John, New Brunswick, reported that the first and second officers suffered from beri beri fever during the voyage. They are now convalescent.

THE IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT AND DEAF MUTES.

A short business session of the Deaf and Dumb Congress was held this evening. Mr. Booth, of New South Wales, moved that a letter be sent to the principal shipping companies respectfully drawing attention to the fact that the Immigration Restriction Act did not apply to deaf mutes within the Commonwealth who might wish to go from one State to another, and, further, that the Minister for External Affairs be communicated with, pointing out that the Constitution Act provides for unrestricted communication between the various States. The chairman, Mr. Abrahams, said the attitude of the shipping companies was absurd. Some of them refused to carry deaf mutes, but the latter could go to any railway station and get tickets to go to the other States. The motion was carried unanimously. This concluded the business of the congress.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND

ADELAIDE, Friday.

A superannuation fund which has been started in connection with the Public Service will commence its operations on January 1. December 31 was the last day upon which "foundation members" could be received, these being granted slight concessions. About 500 have handed in their names. The actuarial calculation was that 250 was a safe basis upon which to start. Its members represent a yearly income of about £10,000. The fund now works on the principle that all Public servants on attaining a salary of £100 per annum have to join. The Government's sole liability is to guarantee the benefits for 15 years.

THE LONDON WINE DEPOT.

The arrangement between the Government and the syndicate which will take over the London wine depot was that the syndicate should take possession on January 1. The Agent-General, however, is still conducting negotiations. The latest advices which the Treasurer received were to the effect that the matter was still being discussed; but that only questions of minor detail remained to be settled. It is still possible that the transaction will be completed in time for the depot to pass to the new control on January 1.

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE SENATE.

PERTH, Friday.

The declaration of the poll for the Senate took place yesterday, the official figures being as follow:—

H. DE LARGIE (L)	19,644
G. HENDERSON (L)	18,414
J. M. CROFT (L)	17,464
*H. W. SAUNDERS (O)	9,979
M. F. CAVANAGH (M)	8,892
W. MARTIN (O)	7,109
W. J. PRESTON (O)	6,136
S. M. MOORE (M)	5,818
Informal	2,001

THE RIVERINA SEAT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Mr. Chanter, who was defeated for the Riverina Division by Mr. Blackwood, has had a long consultation with Sir John Quick this week, and will probably take the first opportunity of appealing to the High Court to upset the election.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REVENUE RETURNS.

INCREASE OF £1673.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

The revenue returns for the State for the December quarter came to hand last night, and show a net increase of £1673 upon the corresponding period of last year. Probate and succession duties decreased £6321, while land and income increased £2704. The railways produced £15,244 more than for the corresponding quarter of last year. Stamp duties increased to the extent of £1206; rents, licenses, etc. Crown lands yielded an increase of £4171, but in land sales there was a decrease of £2256. The total territorial revenue for the quarter was £31,508, an increase of £6342; but the Commonwealth contribution showed a falling off of £18,189.

VICTORIAN REVENUE RETURNS.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The revenue of Victoria for the half-year ended December 31 amounted to £3,328,828, showing a decrease of £57,942 compared with the corresponding half of the previous year. The amount returned by the Commonwealth Government during the half-year just closed, and included in the total given above, was £1,600,151, a decrease of £72,945 compared with the corresponding half of the previous year.

SAILING OF THE R.M.S. OPHIR.

This steamer belonging to the Orient Pacific line will leave the Circular Quay at noon to-day. Her passenger list is published in another column, and it will be seen that she has booked up well for London. In addition there is a large number of passengers for interstate ports, many being destined for Melbourne, to witness the finish of the second test match. Among the passengers for London are:—Mr. R. F. Wardroper, R.N., paymaster, Chief Carpenter Newham, R.N., Mrs. Newham, Rev. M. Riggall, Mr. I. Wild, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fenner, Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and family, Misses Newby, Fraser (2), and Mr. and Mrs. Paddock and family. The next sailing of the line is the Omrah. This steamer it has now been arranged will call at Hobart en route from Sydney to Melbourne. She will consequently leave on Wednesday, January 13, instead of Saturday, the 16th.

THE FLORAL FETE.

In our advertising columns will be found some particulars of the prize schedule in connection with the grand horticultural fete in aid of the Queen Victoria Home for Consumptives, from which it will be seen that provision is being made for a most comprehensive and attractive floral exhibition at the end of April next. The Horticultural Society of New South Wales and the other principal horticultural societies have decided to forego their usual exhibition with the view of making the fete for so praiseworthy an object a great success. Sir Harry and Lady Rawson and Admiral and Mrs. Fanshawe have evinced a warm interest in the undertaking, and have accorded their patronage. As many citizens are promising social and financial support there is every prospect of these beneficent homes receiving substantial assistance.

THE WEATHER.

The rain over the Queensland border districts extended southwards early yesterday morning, but the falls generally were light in character. At 9 a.m. it was raining at Barringun, at Tilpa on the Darling, and at Walgett. Up to that hour 15 points had been registered at Hungerford, 2 at Wilcannia, 5 at Burranguan, 6 at Bangonia, 10 at Mogil, 18 at Walgett, 42 at Boggabilla, and 58 at Yetman. An isolated shower fell at Moruben, south of the Darling during Thursday night, a quarter of an inch being measured. Light showers also passed over the Western highlands and along parts of the coast. Showery weather prevailed last night on the north coast, and at 9 p.m. rain was falling at Byron Bay, Woolgoolga, Bellinger, and Nambucca. Smooth to moderate seas were running, and light to fresh north-easterly to south-easterly winds were blowing.

Fine and warm weather generally is predicted for the present, but there are indications that the rains now falling along the Queensland border will, accompanied by thunderstorms, extend over the State during the next few days.

The Wellington (New Zealand) City Council in our advertising columns invites applications for the position of city engineer at Wellington.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

A JOYOUS BEGINNING.

FINE WEATHER AND MUCH PLEASURE.

January 1, 1904! The day broke in the metropolitan area bright and clear and invigorating. There was none of that intense heat poured down from a brazen dome that for seven years blighted our prospects. A gentle breeze tempered the genial rays of the sun, and the elements smiled as if in further assurance that we had entered on a new natural era. The joy bells rang out the era of dearth and rang in the era of plenty. Now and then the breeze lulled, and just a taste of exhausting heat was experienced. But only for a moment. No one had their pleasure marred by such passing whims. It was New Year's Day, and the State was making holiday. The railway and tramway traffic was prodigious; the harbour boats were a fairy fleet to gaze upon. Look at the thousands on the broad way of the Circular Quay! How they swarm! Families with their impedimenta; families great and small—a seething mass moving, not aimlessly, but with the clear knowledge of their objectives that a heap of ants have. The stranger looked and marvelled how such confusion could resolve into order. Yet it did, and all the morning going out and all the evening coming in they swarmed and talked and laughed and went their way of pleasure. The Scotch citizens claimed it as their day of course. The Scotchman knows what is good, but the un-Scotch Australian disputes his claim. Why should the Scotch citizens keep such a good thing to themselves? Why, indeed? So the claim was disputed, and the unconscious rivalry made the merry pace the merrier. The Highland gathering out at the Cricket Ground was a big success, but every other outdoor engagement was a great success, too. There was a heavy inrush of country visitors, and they were a particularly happy-looking lot. Their luck is in, and we in the city can heartily and honestly wish them a long continuance of it, for their luck is ours. The theatres at night were crowded, and when midnight struck and the big bells in the clock towers announced the passing of the first day the Watchman cried "All's well!" And the year began well.

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING.

A GREAT CELEBRATION.

RACES AND FEATS OF SKILL.

With the Scotch residents of Sydney New Year's Day, almost from the earliest time recollected by the oldest resident, has been that on which the annual gathering of all those who hail from north of the Tweed has been held—with one exception. That was on the first day of the present century, and the gathering was postponed because with Sydney as its centre, all Australia was celebrating the birth of the Commonwealth of Australia. The postponement was, however, for that occasion only. Yesterday's demonstration was on a par with those which have preceded it; it was the most important fixture of the day, and as such attracted a large crowd. The kilt and the bagpipes, the sporran and the dirk, the glengarry and the tartan, the tossing of the caber and the sword dance, the lasses and the laddies—all were like exotic plants. They were wilting in the bright sunshine instead of being braced in frosty air, but the heat and dust could not abate the pride of the race nor make the love of motherland grow less pronounced. Old friends from the border or from the highlands met and had a "bit crack" over other days when they reached the Cricket Ground, where the celebration was held. It was a salutation with "A happy new year tae ye" to begin with, and when English vocal cords essayed to pronounce the good wish the articulation of the first vowel in the adjective betrayed them as being base imitations of the original. But for the Scotch themselves it was a gran' day, a guid day, a day wherein more than any other in the whole year the pipers made their bagpipes skirl, and "Annie Laurie," "Bonnie Dundee," "The Campbells are Comin'," and other airs struck the ears, and made the blood determine toward the toes, prompting auld wives and their Joe's to forget that there was any such ill as rheumatism or rickety joints, attacks of heat apoplexy, or, indeed, any other kind of ill in the whole world.

The sports were in plenty—there were no less than 75 different numbers on the programme—and the Highland fling with their usual liberality. In the morning the trams running to the Cricket Ground carried large numbers of people, the grand stand and other stands on the ground were comfortably filled, while on the lawns there was a sprinkling of people; but in the afternoon the stands were crowded, the sprinkles of colour on the lawns became a continuous mass, and as evening came on the rush for the trams was destructive of comfort; but it was a good, a successful celebration.

THE OFFICIAL LUNCHEON.

The annual luncheon was served in the banquet-room of the members' pavilion. Colonel J. F. Burns (president) was in the chair, and had on his right the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman S. E. Lees), and on his left Captain Purefoy, R.N. The company also included Mr. Perry (Minister for Education), Mr. Kidd (Minister for Mines and Agriculture), Brigadier-General Finn (State Commandant), Sir Normand MacLaurin, M.L.C., Sir James Graham, Mr. D. H. Kirkcaldie (Railway Commissioner), Mr. Alex. Kethel, M.L.C., Mr. John Garland, M.L.A., Mr. J. Russell French, Senator Neild, Alderman T. Hughes (ex-Lord Mayor of Sydney), Mr. J. Inglis, and Mr. T. H. Nesbitt (town clerk).

The chairman proposed the toast of "The King" and "The Governor." He said that Sir Harry Rawson had won the hearts of all the community. (Three cheers.)

"The Navy and Army" was proposed by the chairman.

Captin Purefoy, R.N., responding for the Navy, said he was unexpectedly called upon to speak, owing to the absence of his senior officer. There were signs that trouble was not unlikely, but he had no doubt whatever happened that, so far as the Empire was concerned, it would turn out all right. He was not a Scotchman, but he had don his best, for he had a Scotch wife. (Laughter.) When he was married his wife was advised to "haud the grip." Well, he hoped that whatever developments there were the Empire would "haud the grip." (Applause.)

Brigadier-General Finn, responding for the second line of defence, said that he also was not a Scotchman, but, like Captain Purefoy, he had a Scotch wife. (Laughter and loud cheers.) He felt sure that if there was any trouble, and the British Navy had a look in, it would hold its own. So far as his own branch was concerned, if the trouble extended as far south as Australia, the Australians had shown in South Africa what they were capable of. (Applause.) New Year's Day had always a melancholy interest to him, because on New Year's Day 25 years ago he was in Afghanistan with that great Scotchman who came to such an untimely end, the late Sir Hector Macdonald. (Cheers.)

Sir Normand MacLaurin proposed "The Federal Parliament of Australia," coupling with it the name of Senator Neild.

Senator Neild, in responding, said he was scarcely certain whether he was qualified to respond on behalf of the Federal Parliament, inasmuch as the term of office for which he was originally elected expired at midnight on the previous day, and he had not yet been officially declared elected for the second time. He had, however, the proud pleasure of knowing that he had been elected by the record poll of the British Empire. On behalf of the new Parliament, which was soon about to assemble, he would say he hoped it would be not less desirous of discharging its obligations to the people of the Commonwealth, but would be desirous of doing more for the people than the one which was recently dismissed. (Cheers.) So far as the New South Wales members of the Commonwealth Senate were concerned they would present a united front to whatever ill fortune might be presented to them. It was a matter of great gratification to him that the New South Wales senators were all of one political colour, and would stand shoulder to shoulder on behalf of the best interests of the Commonwealth and of the great State of New South Wales. (Cheers.) The members of the House of Representatives returned by New South Wales would undoubtedly do their utmost to protect the interests of the State they represented, and would seek to further the greater interests of the whole Commonwealth. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. W. Mack Walker proposed "The State Parliament."

Mr. Perry, Minister for Education, responded. He said two of the previous speakers had confessed to having married Scotch wives; he happened to have done the same. (Laughter.) The two gallant gentlemen had referred to the possibility of a fight in the future. He hoped it would be a long time before they were called on to fight, but for himself he would soon be in the thick of it. (Hear, hear.) The Government had had a very bad time, but he hoped that was now past, and that the year 1904 would be a better one for the country than its predecessor, and that the dark times were behind. (Cheers.) The political enemies of the Government would say it had done very badly, but its friends—(a voice: "Who are they?")—would say Ministers had done exceedingly well.

Major Robertson proposed "Our Guests," coupling with the toast the name of the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor, in responding, said that although not a Scotchman, he had great admiration for the Scotch character. (A voice: "Have you got a Scotch wife?") No; but his wife had all the good traits of a Scotchwoman. (Cheers and laughter.) He proposed "Success to the Highland Society of New South Wales." (Applause.)

Colonel Burns thanked the company for the cordial reception of the toast given by the Lord Mayor. He said that 40 years ago thousands of people were arriving in Australia with brains, money, and energy to assist in developing these colonies. Later on for some years Australia had an inflow of borrowed money as a substitution for the progress formerly made. It seemed as if they were to suffer owing to the borrowing having to cease, but it was to be hoped that Australia would learn the lesson of independence from the new order of things. Scotland, from being one of the poorest of countries, was now one of the wealthiest on earth, if not the wealthiest, per head of the population. Owing to the lapse in immigration, the Highland Society would have to look to the sons of Scotchmen to keep the society prosperous. In conclusion, irrespective of creed or nationality, Scotchmen wished all persons in Australia a prosperous and peaceful future, and he believed he was right in saying that the Scotch community had many "freends" and "nae foes." (Applause.)

Mr. J. Inglis, in enthusiastic terms, proposed "Scotch Wives."

The toast was honoured with grea cheering.

Mr. Garland, M.L.A., proposed "The President, Colonel Burns," and attributed much of the success of the Highland Society to that gentleman, whom he described as "a good president, a good Scotchman, and a good Australian." (Cheers.)

Colonel Burns's reply ended the list of speeches.

THE SPORTS.

The sports, which commenced at 10 a.m., comprised many interesting items, such as Highland dancing, athletic events, and field games, bicycle races, and military and naval competitions. Entries were numerous, and the respective events were keenly contested.

The sports officials were:—

Judges.—Highland dresses: W. M'D. Sutherland, E. Macdonald, A. T. Telfer. Dancing: G. Richardson, T. C. Hamilton, A. Pendleton Stewart. Piping: A. Mackenzie, John M'Rae, A. A. Thomson. Masters of ceremonies—Dancing: J. A. Ingram, J. Munro; piping, Senior-Sergeant M'Crimmon, T. H. Fraser. Judges of running: T. M'Credie, jun., J. T. Griffill, J. Urie, J. Gowans. Obstacle race: J. Gowans, J. Urie, W. Cowie, W. Gordon, T. M'Credie, jun., J. Dennis. Miscellaneous events: Messrs. Gray, M'Kinley, Wood, Moon, Gordon Dennis, Dr. Taylor Young, Major Robertson, W. A. Gibb, G. S. Walker, R. Wilson, A. Smith, Sergeant-Sergeant M'Crimmon, J. A. Kethel, R. Doyle, J. Johnston. Post entrance: J. M. Pringle, W. Gordon, A. Smith, J. A. Kethel, E. A. Marr, A. F. Marr. Starter, W. B. Alexander; record-keeper, J. R. Cameron; handicapper, J. F. Dexter; referee and costume steward, R. Coombes; clerk of course, W. M'D. Sutherland; time-keeper, W. T. Kerr; marshal, W. Cowie.

Naval and Military Events.—Lieutenant Williams, Captain Timothy, Major Robertson, W.O. Muckleston, W.O. Davidson.

New South Wales Cyclists' Union.—Executive: J. B. Holdsworth (chairman), J. Turnbull, J. H. Stuart, A. W. Hemingham, J. J. Meagher, W. G. Balfin, R. Cliudell. Judges, S. Clark, F. W. C. Cruse, C. A. Gecotty; starters, J. C. Cameron, Hon. J. H. Carruthers; clerk of course, P. E. Wootton; time-keepers, S. J. Wyatt, W. T. Kerr; referees, H. J. Diamond, J. Firkins, T. F. Minty, E. C. Griffiths, F. Bryant; lapitaker, J. R. C. Grimes; dressing-room steward, U. Ring; box, handicapper, P. E. Wootton.

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association.—Referee R. Coombes; starter, W. B. Alexander; judges, E. S. Marks, G. J. Bruce, C. D. Jones; time-keepers, W. T. Kerr, S. J. Wyatt, T. C. Roberts; clerk of course, H. M. Bradley; hon. secretary, C. D. Jones.

The results were as follows:—

Highland Fling.—Laddies, 12 to 16: A. M'L. Sharp, 1; H. R. Bellamy, 2; J. Johnson, 3. Lassies, 12 to 16: Edith M'Dowell, 1; Ivy M'Kinnon, 2; Ivy Southon, 3. Laddies under 12: W. A. Sharp, 1; R. Griffin, 2; A. Stewart, 3. Lassies under 12: Alice Gillespie, 1; Ruby Ford, 2; Olga O'Keefe, 3. Men: W. T. Chadwick, 1; J. Murray, 2; J. Lyon, 3.

Gillie Callum.—Sword dance, men: A. Bellamy, 1; J. Lyon, 2; J. Murray, 3.

Marches (pipers under 21).—C. Maclure, 1; Melville, 2.

Marches (boys under 16).—C. Maclure, 1; Melville, 2.

Reel o' Tulloch (men).—J. Murray, 1; A. Bellamy, 2; W. T. Chadwick, 3.

Irish Jig.—W. T. Chadwick, 1; T. Wood, 2; A. M'L. Sharp, 3.

Gillie Callum.—A. M'L. Sharp, 1; J. Anderson, 2; J. Jackson, 3. Men: J. Murray, 1; A. Bellamy, 2; J. Lyon, 3. Lassies, 12 to 16: Edith M'Dowell, 1; J. M'Kinnon, 2; Ruby Birks, 3. Laddies, 12 to 16: A. M'L. Sharp, 1; H. R. Bellamy, 2; A. Mackie, 3.

Piping Pibroch.—D. MacDonald, 1; M. Mackenzie, 2; J. MacCorquodale, 3.

Marches (Pipers over 16).—D. MacDonald, 1; J. MacCorquodale, 2; M. Mackenzie, 3.

Strathspeys (Pipers over 16).—D. MacDonald, 1; J. M'Corkindale, 2; M. Mackenzie, 3.

Reels (Pipers over 16).—M. Mackenzie, 1; D. MacDonald, 2; J. M'Corkindale, 3.

Highland Dress.—Men: W. T. Chadwick, 1; M. M'Kenzie, 2; A. Bellamy, 3. Laddies, 10 to 16: J. Johnson, 1; H. Bellamy, 2; A. Cockedge, 3. Laddies, 10 years and under: E. Leak, 1; C. Leak, 2; C. Johnson, 3. Lassies, 10 to 16: Annie Walker, 1; J. Stapleton, 2; A. L. Best, 3. Lassies, 10 years and under: Olga O'Keefe, 1; A. Gillespie, 2; Doris Bellamy, 3.

ATHLETIC EVENTS AND FIELD GAMES.

New Year's Day Cup, 100yds, All-comers' Handicap.—First heat: C. J. Morris, Time, 10 4-5s. Second heat: G. W. Wooller, Time, 11s. Third heat: W. J. E. Lewis, Time, 11s. Fourth heat: W. Lawrence, Time, 11s. Fifth heat: P. C. Hill, Time, 12s. Sixth heat: A. Cortis, Time 10 2-5s. Final: C. J. Morris, 1; A. Cortis, 2; G. W. Wooller, 3. Time, 10 3-5s.

220 Yards Handicap (N.S.W.A.A.A.).—First heat: H. C. Harding (West Sydney), 15yds, 1; C. Campbell (Q.), 8yds, 2; F. A. Rankin (East Sydney), 22yds, 3; A. A. Oxlade (North Sydney), 1yd, 4. Time, 22 3-5s. Second heat: J. E. Phelan (East Sydney), 4yds, 1; L. Hart (West Sydney), 21yds, 2; G. Chiene (West Sydney), 15yds, 3. Time, 23 3-5s. Final: C. Campbell (Q.), 8yds, 1; G. Chiene (West Sydney), 15yds, 2; L. Hart (West Sydney), 22yds, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 22 1-5s.

120 Yards Amateur Handicap (N.S.W.A.A.A.)—First heat: D. F. Henderson (South Sydney), 9yds. Time, 12 4-5s. Second heat: N. C. Barker (University), scratch. Time, 12s. Third heat: R. Chiene (West Sydney), 9yds. Time, 12 4-5

the streets to the ground, where an excellent programme of dancing, piping, feats of strength, and a military tournament were carried out. Special trains from Glen Innes and Tamworth brought numbers of visitors. The estimated attendance on the ground was about 5000.

NEWCASTLE.

NEW YEAR'S DAY REGATTA.

A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The regatta to-day was a pronounced success, and Mr. S. S. Arnott, the president, deserves every credit for the excellent arrangements made. The Union S.S. Company's Warrimoo was an ideal flagship, accommodating upwards of 2000 visitors. Every excursion steamer was crowded, and each point of vantage on shore was thronged with sightseers. The weather was favourable, both for sailing and rowing, the wind being light and steady from the east. In fact, everything contributed to make the regatta a successful record. The kindness of the Union S.S. Company of New Zealand in placing the Warrimoo at the disposal of the regatta committee was fully appreciated. At the official luncheon Mr. S. S. Arnott, on behalf of the city, presented Captain R. H. Neville and his chief officer, Mr. Pender, with useful and valuable mementos of their visit, an acknowledgment to Captain Williams, the local representative of the Union Company, being left for a future occasion, as he was not present. Captain Neville, however, was handed a silver tea and coffee service to forward to Mrs. Williams. Among those present at the official luncheon were the commander and officers of H.M.S. Sparrow. The following are the results of the programme:—

Youths' Double Sculls, under 18 years of age, in watermen's skiffs.—Ford and Fury, 1; Thoroughgood and Taylor, 2; Fury and Hart, 3. Won by ½ 4-5s, 40s separating the second and third.

Dingies, 8st, under canvas.—Australia (S. Thoroughgood), scratch, 1; Pheasant (W. Farrell), scratch, 2; Zilna (W. York), ½ m, 3. Planet, scratch; Pheasant and Britannia, 2m, were disqualified for fouling. Won by 40s.

Amateur Single Sculls, in best-and-best boats, handicap.—Theo. Towns, 20s, 1; F. Ford, 20s, 2; R. Shaw, scratch, 3. J. English, scratch, also started. A good race. Won by three lengths.

Men of War and Naval Brigade.—First heat: Newcastle Naval Brigade, No. 1 crew (coxswain Wiggins), 1; H.M.S. Sparrow (coxswain Walters), 2. Second heat: H.M.S. Sparrow, 1; Newcastle Naval Brigade, No. 2 crew (coxswain Leslie), 2. The latter were disqualified for fouling the Sparrow's crew, who were leading when rounding the buoy for the run home. Final: Newcastle Naval Brigade, 1; Sparrow, 2.

All-comers' Single Sculls, about 2m.—C. Towns (16s), 1; A. Towns (18s), 2; A. Worboys (8s), 3. G. Towns (scr) and C. Messenger (12s) also started. The champion sculler, who was not in good rowing condition, competed for the purpose of lending interest in the race, which was won by about a length, hardly the same distance separating the second and third boats. Time, 13m 16s.

Watermen's and Fishermen's Skiffs, under working sails.—Hogan (H. Deamer), 1; Shamrock (J. Ross), 2; My Jack (H. Hughes), 3. Won by 10s.

Eighteen-footers, under canvas.—Romp (F. Aldridge), 8m, 1; Federal (J. Smith), 1m, 2; Millie (W. Walters), 6m, 3. Quixie (C. Dunn), 1½m, and Arawa, scr, also started. Millie, with the advantage of her handicap, led until coming round on the first run down, but sailing along the Spike Romp assumed the command of position from Federal, Millie being third, and Quixie fourth. Rounding the flagboat on the last run up on the home turn Romp increased her lead, winning by 2m 25s from Federal, which was 2l 1-2s ahead of Millie.

Water Brigades' Race.—South Grafton (Mitchell, J. M'Namara, F. M'Namara, F. Payne, Williams cox), 1; Grafton No. 1 crew (Shore, Morris, Klaus, Zietsch, Tombs cox), 2; West Maitland (C. and J. and H. Lethbridge, Durgan (Taylor cox.), 3; Grafton No. 2 crew (Lander, Starr, Henkle, Leslon (Sanders cox). 4. Won by 1½. The winning crew rowed a splendid race, their stroke being perfect, lively, and crisp, and in machine-like time throughout, the finish being rowed out with a spurt that showed a well-judged reserve of strength. A better exhibition of four-oar rowing was perhaps never witnessed on the Hunter.

Dingies, 14ft, under canvas.—Wanderer (F. E. Shaw), 1; Ivy (W. Holmes), 2; Wanda (W. Budkin), 3.

Double Sculls in Watermen's Skiffs.—C. Linstrum and F. Linstrum, 1; Whepps and Scotting, 2; Nicholls and Hide, 3.

Employees of Navigation and Harbours and Rivers Department, pulling five oars, with coxswain.—Harbours and Rivers Department, 1; Navigation Department, 2.

Boats under Canvas, not less than 14ft.—Niobe, G. Butts (4m), 1. Helmet, W. E. Arnott (3m), 2. Romp, F. Aldridge (5½m), 3. Between the first and second boat there was a difference of 4m 34s, and 4s between the third and fourth.

Merchants' Ships and Steamers Boats.—Muswellbrook, 1; Warrimoo, 2; Harlech Castle, 3.

Fishermen's Pairs.—Dunsford and Ward, 1; N. and A. Ripley, 2; Tressider and Ross, 3.

Tramway and Railway Service Double Sculls.—W. Leslie and R. Taylor, 1; Croft and Baber, 2; Price Bros., 3.

Trades' Unions and Fire Brigades' Double Sculls.—Dempsey and Dudley, 1; W. and D. Tressider, 2. Won by about 12 lengths.

All-comers' 4-pair Sculling Race, with coxswain in boats not exceeding 32ft.—Pearson (C. and J. Towns and A. Worboys, 1; J. and R. and E. Hickey, and Hughes, 2. Two other crews started, but the race was such a cracker that before the first half-mile had been negotiated they dropped out, leaving the race to be decided between representatives of two families renowned on the Hunter River for several generations for their skill with the oar, namely the Towns and the Hickeys. It was the last race of the day, but remarkable enthusiasm was displayed throughout, the Towns family included the champion sculler of the world. It was a magnificent and stubborn race between the two families of born and bred watermen, rowed out with every pound of weight and atom of grit the crews could get into it. Both had remarkable endurance, and both, as the saying is, could have rowed on till doomsday, but the Towns family had the back or skill with the sculls and were left off during the Hickeys for half the course, by about two lengths.

Dingies not exceeding 10ft, under canvas.—Crescent, D. Murray (14m), 1; Planet, A. Holmes, 2; Venora, E. Keddie (4m), 3.

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

TRAM ACCIDENTS.

A ship's butcher named Walter Cappyt, aged 31, residing at Milton-street, Newcastle, met with a very severe accident yesterday afternoon. He was knocked down by a tram opposite Circular Quay, and his left leg was severed below the knee. He was conveyed by the Australian Ambulance to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment by Dr. Mason.

Joseph Alexander Thomas, 41, waiter, residing at 194 Pitt-street, was yesterday afternoon admitted to Sydney Hospital suffering from very severe laceration of his right foot, as the result of a train accident in Pitt-street.

A BOY DROWNED.

A sad drowning accident occurred shortly before 10 o'clock yesterday morning at Camp Cove, near Watson's Bay. A boy named Joshua Preston, 8 years of age, was fishing from the military jetty in company with his father and two brothers, when he fell into the water. None of the party witnessed the occurrence, and it was only when he was missed and his cap was seen floating on the water that his father and brothers realised what had happened. The body was recovered by a man named John Warner, and determined but unsuccessful efforts were made by Dr. Read, the port health officer, to restore animation. The water police launch subsequently conveyed the body to the morgue.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

BATHURST, Friday.

Osborne Chester, a young man, organist of the Congregational Church, Wollongong, and a member of the Illawarra District Choir, competing at the Musical and Literary Association competition, died this morning. He went for a ride on a bicycle and got overheated. On returning he took a drink of cold water, causing an acute attack of colic, accompanied by violent vomiting. An operation became necessary, to which he succumbed. The remains were interred this afternoon.

DEATH UNDER CHLOROFORM.

WINDSOR, Friday.

A magisterial inquiry was held yesterday at Riverstone by Mr. J. B. Johnston, coroner, touching the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Smith. The medical testimony was to the effect that Mrs. Smith died from cardiac failure from the administration of chloroform whilst undergoing an operation. A finding was returned in accordance with the evidence.

A GIRL SHOT DEAD.

BRISBANE, Friday.

Mary Elizabeth Miller, six years of age, residing at Cooparoo, a suburb of Brisbane, was accidentally shot dead to-day. She and her brother, aged 12, were playing with a gun, which, unknown to them, was loaded. The gun went off, the bullet entering the girl's forehead, and death resulting soon afterwards.

DIVED INTO SHALLOW WATER.

BRISBANE, Friday.

Mr. Mackay, a middle-aged man, to-day dived off the Sandgate jetty, at a height of about 10ft in 18in of water. He was rendered unconscious and taken to his hotel. It is believed that his spine is injured.

As the result of a scuffle outside a restaurant near Mort's Dock, Balmain, about 12.30 on Thursday night, Herbert Johnson, 21, a boilermaker residing at Callan-street, Rozelle, fell, and his head coming in contact with some steps, he received a fractured skull. He was conveyed by the Civil Ambulance to the Balmain Cottage Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment.

GILGANDRA, Friday.

Mr. Geoffrey Murray was thrown from a tip dray last night owing to his horse bolting. A wheel of the dray passed over one of his legs breaking it.

S.S. CORINTHIC AT HOBART.

HOBART, Friday.

The White Star liner Corinthic, from London and the Cape, arrived to-day with the following passengers:—

For Sydney: H. Bell, T. Morgan, J. O'Hara, and 13 in the steerage.

For Melbourne: Miss E. Tweedie, Colonel Farrer, G. F. Fitch, Fleming, J. Harding, J. Rafferty, and 19 in the steerage.

The Corinthic made a run of 41 days from London.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The V.R.C. committee, at its meeting on Thursday, approved of the action of the Sandown Park stewards in removing the 12 months' disqualification inflicted by them recently on F. and W. Foulsham.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. notify in our advertisement columns that they will hold a sale of racehorses in training and untried blood stock at their Randwick stables on Monday next.

Maharani, who pulled up lame last week, is all right again, and ran a fair six furlongs at Caulfield this week.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING.

PATRONUS WINS THE BAGOT HANDICAP.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The New Year's Day Meeting of the V.R.C. was held at Flemington to-day, and was favoured with fine, warm weather, but the attendance was only moderate. The following are the details:—

NEW YEAR HURDLE RACE of 2 sovs each and 200 sovs added. 2m.

Mr. Pearson's Sir Peter Teazle, by Firelock—Lady Teazle, 10st 2lb (F. Cosgrove) 1
Mr. Davis's Conqueror, 10st 4lb (J. Ryan) 2
Mr. Schott's Cynic, 12st (F. Burn) 3

Other starters: Bega, 11st 6lb (J. Chevalley); Report, 11st 2lb (F. Gunnell); Speculation, 10st 8lb (T. O'Brien); Graftana, 10st 2lb (J. Sutherland); Sydney, 10st (C. A. Smith); Venom, 9st 11lb (A. Goss).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Sir Peter Teazle, 7 to 2 Report, 6 to 1 v Bega, 8 to 1 each v Speculation, Conqueror, and Cynic, 10 to 1 v Sydney.

In the opening stage Graftana and Sydney shared the lead, with Bega, Sir Peter Teazle, and Conqueror next, and Cynic last. Sydney fell at the bridge, and Conqueror took up the running along the back from Bega, Sir Peter Teazle, Report, Venom, and Speculation. Passing the abattoirs Cynic moved up second to Conqueror, with Sir Peter Teazle, Report, and Bega next; while Graftana had dropped back a bad last. Cynic led round the home turn, and cleared the last hurdle in advance of Sir Peter Teazle, Conqueror, and Report. Cynic and Sir Peter Teazle were together at the distance, but the former failed under pressure, and Sir Peter Teazle eventually won by half a length from Conqueror, who came again at the finish. Cynic was a length away third, Report, Speculation, Bega, and Venom next, and Graftana a bad last. Time, 3m 56s.

WELTER HANDICAP of 4 sovs, and 150 sovs added. 1m.

Mr. Murray's Debenture, by Eridspord, or Wallace—Water Lilly, 11st 5lb (W. Burn) 1
Mr. Whitty's Shot and Shell, 9st 4lb (W. Minter) .. 2
Mr. Evan's Solano, 9st 10lb (Mr. A. Evans) 3

Other starters: Admiration, 10st 5lb (G. Wheeler); Athamoore, 10st 4lb (W. Armstrong); Lanoline, 9st 4lb (W. Bedford); Maltie, 8st 2lb (J. Cooper).

Betting: 2 to 1 v Debenture, 7 to 2 v Lanoline, 5 to 1 v Admiration, 7 to 1 each v Solano and Shot and Shell, 12 to 1 each v Athamoore and others.

Debenture was first away from Solano and Shot and Shell, with Admiration last. Shot and Shell promptly ran to the front, and led along the back from Solano, Debenture, and Admiration, with Lanoline a bad last. Shot and Shell was first into the straight from Solano, Debenture, and Maltie, but at the distance Debenture regained the lead, and won easily by a length and a half from Shot and Shell, with Solano a neck away third. Maltie, Lanoline, and Athamoore were next, and Admiration last. Time, 1m 43s.

STANDISH HANDICAP of 5 sovs each and 200 sovs added. 6f.

Mr. Leek's Silenus, by Valala—Aria, 4yrs, 9st 2lb (W. Burn) 1
Mr. Miller's Cantala, 4yrs, 8st 12lb (W. R. Dean) .. 2
Mr. Turnbull's Fishery, 4yrs, 9st 8lb (B. Carslake) .. 3

Other starters: Progredior, 8st 5lb (E. Sutherland); Debenture, 8st 11lb (C. Cooper); Sonica, 8st 11lb (P. Guinane); The Abbess, 8st 9lb (J. Cosgrove); Lech Lee, 8st 7lb (W. Bailey); Drawbridge, 8st 2lb (G. Wheeler); Staple, 7st 12lb (F. Dunn); Murmur, 7st 12lb (R. Lewis); Maharani, 7st 4lb (J. Butlin); English Rose, 7st 3lb (W Clase); Mistral, 7st (D. M'Cowan); Lady Barthope, 6st 13lb (A. Hosemans); Hadji, 6st 7lb (A. Curling); Master Key, 6st 7lb (W. Bennett); Actor, 6st 7lb (B. Porter).

Betting: 3 to 1 v Debenture, 8 to 1 each v Silenus, English Rose, Sonica, and Actor, 12 to 1 each v Maharani and Murmur, 15 to 1 each v Staple and Hadji, 20 to 1 v others.

Fishery, Mistral, The Abbess, and Sonica were smartest on their legs, but when the field was fairly moving Actor ran to the front, and at the half-mile post was leading from Fishery, Silenus, Cantala, Lady Barthope, Maharani, Drawbridge, and English Rose, with Staple travelling fast on the extreme outside. Entering the course proper Cantala held the lead from Silenus, and Fishery, who were in close attendance. Silenus went to the front at the distance from Cantala, Fishery, Debenture, and holding the field safe to the finish won by a length from Cantala, with Fishery two lengths off third, Latchkey, Maharani, Debenture, Mistral, Abbess, English Rose, and Staple next, with Progredior and Master Key last. Time, 1m 15¼s.

JANUARY STEEPLECHASE of 2 sovs each and 200 sovs added. About 2½m.

Mr. Frew's Loddon, by Albert Loddon, aged, 10st 7lb (F. Chevalley) 1
Mr. Miller's The African, aged, 12st 9lb (A. Williamson) 2
Mr. Miller's Abdallah, 6yrs, 10st 12lb (C. Dickenson) 3

Other starters: Sheridan, 11st 10lb (P. Cosgrove); Wongleburnie, 10st 7lb (J. Sutherland); Persist, 9st 7lb (F. Glennon); Woodfield, 9st 6lb (D. Mahony); Bush Boy, 9st (M. Glennon).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Sheridan, 6 to 2 v Loddon, 5 to 1 v Woodfield, 7 to 1 v Wongleburnie, 8 to 1 v Abdallah, 10 to 1 v The African, 12 to 1 v Glennon.

The African went off with the lead, and was followed over the initial fence by Woodfield and Wongleburnie, with Bush Boy bringing up the rear. The last named fell at the third fence, and the field had a treble set heaped down Sheridan, whose rider (P. Cosgrove) got an ugly fall. Leaving the straight The African, Woodfield, and Persist were at the head of affairs, with Loddon and Abdallah several lengths off, and Wongleburnie a bad last. Two furlongs further on Wongleburnie pulled up. At the back of the course The African, Woodfield, Loddon, and Abdallah were running together, and passing the sheds Woodfield and The African were together six lengths clear of Loddon and Abdallah. Rounding the turn the field closed up. Woodfield lost ground at the last fence, where The African was still in front. Loddon was first into the straight, and retaining the lead to the finish, won by a length and a half from The African, with Abdallah five lengths off third, and Woodfield fourth. Time, 5m 21¾s.

BAGOT HANDICAP of 8 sovs each and 400 sovs added. 1m.

Mr. Leming's Patronus, by Patron—Placida, 5yrs, 8st 4lb (W. Burn) 1
Mr. Rowan's Florin, aged, 7st 4lb, including 2lb over (H. Carslake) 2
Mr. Fraser's Seaport, 6yrs, 7st 10lb (D. M'Cowan) .. 3

Other starters: Fishery, 8st (E. Sutherland); Miltiades, 7st 12lb (R. Lewis); Cluster, 7st 12lb (W. Bennett); Decuelion, 7st 9lb (W. Claus); Nimbus, 6st 13lb (J. Butlin).

Betting: 3 to 1 each v Miltiades and Patronus, 5 to 1 v Cluster, 6 to 1 v Seaport, 8 to 1 v Florin, 12 to 1 each v Nimbus and Decuelion.

On ranging up at the barrier Florin, Patronus, Cluster, and Decuelion were on the inside, Miltiades on the outside, and Fishery and Nimbus in the centre. Florin was first off, and led past the judge's box from Cluster, Decuelion, and Nimbus, with Fishery and Seaport up the rear. Leaving the straight Decuelion assumed charge with Florin, Cluster, and Patronus in close attendance, and Fishery last. Decuelion forced the pace to such good purpose that at the riverside he had a dozen lengths clear of Florin, who was followed by Cluster, Miltiades, Patronus, Nimbus, Seaport, and Fishery, all in touch with each other. Swinging past the bridge Decuelion added a couple of lengths to his lead, and retained it along the back stretch, with Cluster in second place, Florin, Miltiades, and Patronus next, and Fishery still at the tail end. Cluster now set to work to bring the field up to the leader and nearing the turn had reduced Decuelion's lead to one length; Miltiades held third place, with Patronus and Florin close up. During the run round the turn Miltiades rapidly improved his position, and was first into the straight, with Patronus and Decuelion almost in line with him, and Florin and Seaport a couple of lengths off. Patronus shot to the front at the distance from Miltiades, Florin, and Seaport, and finishing strongly, won by a length from Florin, with Seaport a length and a quarter off, Fishery fourth, Nimbus, Decuelion, and Miltiades next, and Cluster last. Time, 2m 38¼s.

CRITERION HANDICAP of 5 sovs. each, with 300 sovs added, for two-year-olds. 6f.

Mr. Rickenbotham's Redstreak, by Wallace—Elsie, 8st 7lb (B. Carslake) 1
Mr. M'Cracken's Impression, 7st 8lb (W. Bailey) 2
Mr. Kelly's Portland Rose, 7st 10lb (R. Lewis) 3

Other starters: Skibo, 8st (S. D. Fisher); Nak-our, 8st (W. Armstrong); Arkana, 7st 10lb (A. Kerslake); Keston, 7st (W. R. Dean).

Betting: 6 to 4 v Nak-our, 5 to 1 each v Skibo and Impression, 6 to 1 v Redstreak, 7 to 1 each v Portland Rose and Arkana.

There was a good deal of bumping at the start. Keston, Impression, and Portland Rose were first away, and entering the course proper Impression held the lead from Redstreak, with Portland Rose and Keston next. At the distance Impression and Redstreak cleared right away from the field, and Redstreak won by two and a half lengths from Impression, with Portland Rose a length and a half off third. Nak-our a good fourth, Arkana and Skibo next, and Keston last. Time, 1m 24s.

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB.

SECOND SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

BRISBANE, Friday.

The second day's racing of the Queensland Turf Club's Second Summer Meeting was held at Eagle Farm to-day. The weather was hot and sultry, and the attendance was fair. Results:—

Flying Welter Handicap of 75 sovs, 6f.—Mr. F. Webb's Lady Noble, 7st 7lb (E. Best), 1; Mr. C. Gilbert's The Mint, 7st 7lb (J. Stone), 2; Mr. D. Hoib's Starfish, 7st 12lb, including 2lb overweight (P. Byrne), 3. Other starters: Bullamin, 9st 8lb (A. Scott); Romeo, 9st 7lb (W. Best); Niobe, 8st 8lb (J. Ryan); Slumber, 8st 6lb (W. Wood); Hindoo, 8st 4lb (F. Mullen); Duchess, 7st 10lb (O'Neill); Master Darley, 7st 10lb (J. Darcy); Fortune, 7st 9lb (Anderson); Chairman, 7st 8lb (Keesen). Betting: 5 to 2 v Romeo, 4 to 1 v Chairman, 7 to 1 v The Mint, 8 to 1 v Bullamin, 12 to 1 v Lady Noble, 20 to 1 v others. Niobe led to the half-mile post from Romeo and Bullamin. Here The Mint took command and piloted the field to the last furlong from home, where Lady Noble came out on the outside, eventually winning by half a length, a similar distance separating second and third. Time, 1m 17¼s. Dividend, £6 14s.

Goodwood Handicap of 75 sovs, 7f.—Mr. H. Radford's Kinglock, by King Olaf—Camboonba, 6yrs, 7st (H. Williamson), 1; Mrs. E. J. Banks's Ajax, 9st 2lb (J. Rogers), 2; Mr. J. Stone's Sancen, 8st 4lb (J. Stone), 3. Other starters: Lord Monmouth, 8st 9lb (W. Best); Ascot, 7st 8lb (A. Scott); Horologist, 7st (F. Best); E.O.Z., 7st, including 2lb over (Keesen). Betting: 3 to 1 each v Ajax and Sancen, 4 to 1 v Lord Monmouth, 5 to 1 Z.O.Z., 10 to 1 v Ascot, 12 to 1 each v Kinglock and Horologist. Lord Monmouth led to the straight. At the distance Ajax and Kinglock came out, and after an exciting finish the latter won by three-quarters of a length; half a length between second and third. Time, 1m 29¾s. Dividend, £7 8s.

Midsummer Handicap of 150 sovs, 1½m.—Mrs. G. Ferguson's Velox, by Vigor—Widewake, 4yrs, 7st 12lb (F. Mullen), 1; Mr. W. Everett's Blair, 4yrs, 6st 8lb (A. Bryans), 2; Mr. A. J. Noud's Red Flag, 4yrs, 7st 3lb (E. Best), 3. Other starters: Madras, 8st 4lb (W. Stewart); St. Quentin, 8st 12lb (W. Tucker); Jessie, 8st 12lb (J. Stone); Auburn, 8st 9lb (J. Rogers); Whitebait, 7st 13lb (A. Scott); Kinbombi, 7st 11lb (M. Rider); Norseman, 7st 10lb, including 7lb penalty (Sun Toy, 1st 2lb); Westward Ho, 7st 11lb; Novet, 6st 7lb; (Karsen); Croagh Patrick, 7st 9lb, including 10lb penalty (J. Darcy). Betting: 5 to 2 v Madras, 8 to 1 each v Velox, Kinbombi, and Croagh Patrick, 10 to 1 each v St. Quentin, Jessie, and Norseman, 12 to 1 each v Auburn and Red Flag, 14 to 1 v Whitebait, 25 to 1 v Blair. Norseman was the first to move from the barrier. When going Velox took command from Blair, followed by Red Flag. At the half-mile post Velox was four lengths in front, and swing into the straight three lengths in advance of Blair, with St. Quentin next, and the rest bunched, Croagh Patrick being last. At the distance Blair set out after the leader, but failed to catch up, Velox winning by a long neck. Two and a half lengths separated second and third; then came Norseman, Madras, Kinbombi, Jessie, Whitebait, St. Quentin, Auburn, and Croagh Patrick last. Time, 2m 9s. Dividend, £4 2s.

Two-year-old Handicap of 75 sovs, 6f.—Mr. A. Sparks' Nana, 8st 9lb (J. Stone), 1; Mr. W. Blacklock's The Painter, 7st 10lb (A. Scott), 2; Mr. J. Hodgart's Dreamer, 9st 12lb (J. Rogers), 3. Betting: 6 to 4 each v Dreamer and Nana, 2 to 1 v The Painter. Dreamer led to the distance, where Nana came out and won by a length and a half; Dreamer a neck away third. Time, 1m 18¼s. Dividend, £1 9s.

Second Novice Handicap, 75 sovs., 1m.—Mr. A. E. Dodds's Escamillo, by Little Bernie—Gitana, 8st 9lb (J. Stone), 1; Mr. C. Jones's Chairman, 7st (E. Best), 2; Mrs. W. J. Tucker's Seabreeze, 7st 10lb (A. Scott), 3. Other starters: Sir Plagiarist, 9st 4lb (W. Bailey); Fitzjames, 8st 2lb (M. Ridley); Hindoo, 7st 12lb (F. Mullen); Kaiserin, 7st 10lb (Karsen); Star Fish, 7st 5lb, including 5lb over (J. Darcy). Betting: 2 to 1 v Seabreeze, 5 to 1 v Escamillo, 6 to 1 v Fitzjames, 7 to 1 each v Kaiserin and Chairman, 8 to 1 v Hindoo, 10 to 1 v Sir Patrick, 14 to 1 v Hindoo. Kaiserin led along the back of the course by a length and a half from Fitzjames, who was a similar distance ahead of Hindoo. At the half-mile post Kaiserin was still leading by a length from Fitzjames, who was a length ahead of Hindoo. Kaiserin was first into the straight, but was quickly passed by Escamillo and Seabreeze, the former winning by a neck, a long neck between second and third. Time, 1m 44¼s. Dividend, £3 14s.

Eagle Farm Handicap of 80 sovs, 1m.—Mr. W. Burke's Madras, by Launceston—dam by Orlando, 9st 5lb (W. Stewart), 1; Mr. J. Stone's Sancen, 8st 11lb (J. Stone), 2; Mrs. C. Ferguson's Marie Corelli, 9st 3lb (F. Mullen), 3. Other starters: Firearm, 9st 9lb (O'Neil); Lord Monmouth, 9st 6lb (W. Best); J. R., 8st 8lb (J. Mooney); Norseman, 8st 5lb (R. Wockner); Cutaway, 7st 9lb (A. Scott); Fleet, 7st 6lb, including 5lb over (J. Darcy); Zoz, 8st, including 2lb over. Betting: 5 to 1 each v Firearm, Marie Corelli, and Cutaway, 6 to 1 v Madras, 7 to 1 each v J. R. and Sancen, 10 to 1 v others. J. R. showed the way to the three furlongs post, where Marie Corelli took up the running. Madras and Sancen came at the leader in the last furlong, and the former won by a neck, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1m 42¾s. Dividend, £5 4s. The amount put through the totalisator for the day was £4760 10s.

Heavyweight Handicap of 75 sovs, 7f.—Mr. T. F. Collins's Bubbly Jock, by Invader—Amber, 4yrs, 10st 9lb (Wood), 1; Mr. W. Ledger's Buller, aged, 8st 8lb, including 8lb over (J. Ledger), 2; Mr. T. P. Maher's St. Bernard, 8st 10lb (R. Wockner), 3. Other starters: Robert Emmett, 10st 6lb (J Rogers); Alister, 10st (Karsen); Commotion, 9st 7lb (W. Best); Master Darley, 8st (J. Darcy). Betting: 7 to 4 v Alister, 4 to 1 v Bubbly Jock, 5 to 1 v Master Darley, 7 to 1 v St. Bernard, 10 to 1 v Adamant, 12 to 1 v Robert Emmett, 14 to 1 v Commotion, 20 to 1 v Buller. St. Bernard led to the turn half a length in front of Robert Emmett and Bubbly Jock. Bubbly Jock was first in the straight, and, giving nothing a chance, won by two and a half lengths, three-quarters of a length separating second and third. Time, 1m 33¼s. Dividend, £3 3s.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

The Summer Meeting of the S.A.J.C. was held at Morphettville to-day in glorious weather. There was a large attendance, including the Governor. Results:—

Welter Handicap, 1m.—Silver King, br Broken Hill—Hebron, 8st 12lb (Matthews), 1; Aurate, 8st 2lb (W. Repwood), 2; Enigma, 9st 7lb (W. Lake), 3. Other starters: Lottie, 9st 12lb; Amelia, 9st 9lb; Lottie, 9st 5lb; Princess Louise, 8st 6lb; Light Joy, 8st 2lb; The Aneer, 8st. Enigma was the last away. Three furlongs from home Princess Louise led from Silver King, Aurate, and Lottie, with Light Joy last. Silver King and Princess Louise were first into the straight from Enigma and Aurate, and a good finish resulted in favour of the mentioned by a neck and a half lengths from Aurate, who was a head in advance of Enigma. Tapioca was fourth, and Cuba last. Time, 1m 48s. Dividend, £10 8s.

Handicap Hurdle Race, 2m 90yds.—The Sailor, by The Admiral—The Pyat, 11st 10lb (C. Hoare), 1; Aristos, 9st 10lb (H. Wilson), 2; Herd Laddie, 10st (Mr. J. Foon), 3. Other starters: Corral, 12st 4lb; Tom Brown, 9st 7lb; Cyrano, 9st 7lb; Kase, 9st 4lb; Proprietary, 8st; Royal Salute, 9st; Coleon, 9st. Royal Salute got badly away. The Sailor and Aristos came down the straight together from Corral and Herd Laddie, and a dashing finish resulted in The Sailor winning by half a length from Aristos, with Herd Laddie 10 lengths away third, and Corral a very close fourth. Kase was last, and Cyrano walked in. Time, 3m 51¼s. Dividend, £3 4s.

New Year's Gift, 1½m.—Irvington, 7st 13lb (Matthews), 1; Fairyland, 8st 9lb (H. Holmes), 2; Bedford, 8st 9lb (D. J. Hall), 3. Other starters: Clifton, 8st 7lb; Rowena, 7st 4lb; Rifler, 7st 5lb; Miracle, 6st 7lb. Bedford was first away, and Fairyland last. Bedford and Bedford made most of the running. Five furlongs from home Bedford and Irvington were together in advance of Clifton and Rowena. Turning into the straight Fairyland, who up to this point had been in the rear, ran up third to Irvington and Bedford. Irvington held the lead, however, and won a good race by two lengths from Fairyland, who made a gallant attempt to wear down Bedford, a length away third, Clifton fourth, then came Rowena, Rifler, and Miracle. Time, 2m 38s. Dividend, £3 1s.

S. Leonards Handicap, 6f.—His Eminence, 8st (H. Hardy), 1; Brouze, 7st 13lb (Brock), 2; Masanielio, 8st (Pike), 3. Other starters: Volacian, 8st 11lb; Lacs, 8st; Laitier, 8st; Ayesha, 8st; Mainbrace, 7st 10lb; Hydrolectric, 7st 10lb; Roseleaf, 7st 7lb; Yelk, 7st 7lb. Ayesha and Roseleaf were left at the post. Nothing was first away. His Eminence won by a length and three-quarters from Brouze, who was three-quarters of a length in front of Masanielio. Volacian was fourth, then came Mainbrace, Hydrolectric, Roseleaf, Yelk, Lacs, Laitier, and Ayesha. Time, 1m 44s. Dividend, £6 4s.

Handicap Steeple, 2½m.—Belter, 9st 12lb (F. J. Barry), 1; Tattoo, 9st (Bowen), 2; Express, 9st 7lb (H. Holmes), 3. Other starter: Convoy, 11st 10lb. Belter won an interesting race by four lengths, five lengths separating second and third. The win was exceedingly popular one. Time, 5m 20s. Dividend, £3 7s.

Marino Handicap, 6f.—Enigma, by Tootig—Riddle, 8st 2lb (W. Lake), 1; Lilliput, 8st 7lb (Matthews), 2; Verres, 8st (Holmes), 3. Other starters: Phaedra, 6st; Thunder Princess, 8st 8lb; Sacrifice, 8st 6lb; Ybraw, 7st 12lb; Mont Pelee, 7st 9lb; The Miner, 7st 9lb; The Bayonet, 7st; Northumberland, 6st 9lb; Unley Park, 6st 9lb; Janice, 6st 7lb. Lilliput led into the straight from Phaedra, The Bayonet, and Verres, and after a good finish Enigma won by a neck from Lilliput, who was a head in front of Verres. Bayonet was fourth; then came Northumberland, Unley Park, Ybraw, Phaedra, Janice, Thunder Princess, Mont Pelee, Time, 1m 16s. Enigma could not draw weight, and the race was awarded to Lilliput. Verres was placed second, and Bayonet third. Lilliput's dividend was £2 9s.

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

To-day's race meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club was well attended. The results were as follow:—

New Year's Gift of 5 sovs, second 5 sovs, 6f.—Mr. P. M'Carthy's The Shock, by Prodigal—Gladys, 5yrs, 7st 12lb (A. M'Carthy), 1; Mr. J. Master's Bluey, 6yrs, 8st 10lb (A. Woods), 2; Mr. A. J. Maher's Simnel, 3yrs, 7st 12lb (Quinn), 3. Other starters: Incision, 8st 8lb, Sasin, 8st 8lb; Bristol Bill, 7st 12lb; Pinkie, 7st; Sans Merci, 6st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Sasin and Simnel, 4 to 1 v The Shock, 6 to 1 v Incision, 10 to 15 to 1 v others. When they had settled down Pinkie was in command, and she held to the turn from The Shock, Simnel, Sasin, and Bristol Bill; then her place was taken by The Shock, who was never collared, and won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 12s.

Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, second 5 sovs, 7f.—Mr. A. J. Maher's Coralette by Scots Grey—Coralie, 5yr, 8st 10lb (Quinn), 1; Mr. A. G. Mayo's Molly Butler, 6yrs, 8st 10lb (A. M'Carthy), 2; Mr. D. Dunlop's Quick March, aged, 8st (W. Bushell), 3. Betting: Even money against Coralette and Molly Butler, 6 to 1 v Quick March. Quick March established a long lead in the first quarter of a mile, then Molly Butler started after him, and was catching him at the turn, when Coralette moved forward and joined the pair. A good finish resulted in a win for Coralette by a length and a half, while a length separated second and third. Time, 1m 32¼s.

January Handicap of 60 sovs, second 10 sovs, 1½m.—Mr. D. Mullins's Metal Lace, by Metal—Necklace, 6yrs, 6st 7lb (Fogarty), 1; Mr. W. M'Carthy's Reverie, 5yrs, 8st 7lb (A. M'Carthy), 2; Mr. J. Cameron's Zamiblue, 5yrs, 6st 5lb (Tucker), 3. Other starters: Lady Laura, 5st 5lb; Tarik, 6st 5lb; Parade, 7st 3lb. Betting: 3 to 1 each v Metal Lace and Reverie, 7 to 2 v Zamiblue, 6 to 1 each v Tarik and Parade, 10 to 1 v Lady Laura. Round the bend the order of the field was Lady Laura, Parade, Tarik, Reverie, Zamiblue, and Metal Lace, the lastnamed being many lengths astern. Lady Laura began to tire, and Reverie showed the way into the straight, having Tarik and Parade at her girths. Metal Lace had improved his position very much, and in the straight he shot to the front and beat Reverie nicely by three-quarters of a length, Zamiblue being a similar distance off third. Parade was fourth, and Lady Laura last. Time, 2m 12¼s.

Park Stakes of 40 sovs, second 5 sovs, 6f.—Mr. T. Carney's Sarcefield, by The Warder—Henchman mare, 4yrs, 6st 10lb (A. M'Carthy), 1; Mr. W. Richmond's Flavia, 4yrs, 6st 10lb (Fogarty), 2; Mr. R. Simmons's Songstress, 5yrs, 8st 3lb (F. Simmons), 3. Other starters: Valmant, 7st 12lb; Quick March, 7st 12lb; Sinless, 6st 7lb; Intrepid, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Songstress, 5 to 2 Valmant, 3 to 1 v Sarcefield, 6 to 1 each v Quick March and Flavia. Sarcefield got the lead after going about a furlong and a half, and won by a length from the fast-finishing Flavia and Songstress. Intrepid lost at the start. Time, 1m 19s.

Stewards' Mile of 40 sovs, second horse 5 sovs.—Mr. A. Maher's Simnel, by Simmer—Coralie, 5yrs, 8st 8lb (Quinn), 1; Mr. W. T. Skinner's Bristol Bill, aged, 8st 8lb (E. Houseman), 2; Mr. J. Master's Bluey, 6yrs, 8st, including penalty (Wood), 3. Evangeline II., 7st, also started. Betting: 6 to 4 v Bluey, 5 to 2 each v Bristol Bill and Simnel, 6 to 1 v Evangeline II. Bristol Bill led nearly all the way, but Simnel got his nose in front

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Friday Evening.

This being the first day of the year was observed as a general holiday.

The Bank of England closing return for the year shows an increase in both the reserves and the stock of coin and bullion; and though there is some considerable increase in the advances, offset by deposits, it only represents the usual end-of-the-month movement. The supply of money is relatively greater than the demand, as compared with last week, and the market rate of discount has again declined ½ per cent., the rate being ½ per cent. below the bank rate. Consols have again receded ¼, but this doubtless is the result of the political situation in the Far East, and probably they will go still lower if war is declared. With the exception of a fall of ¼ in Victorian 3½ per cents., all colonial securities are unchanged on the week.

We are not surprised to see a further recovery in Bradford tops; for with the short supply of wool even an ordinary demand warrants an upward movement in tops, which have been relatively lower than the raw material. Copper and tin are also higher.

The British revenue for the third quarter of the year was £33,540,884, as compared with £36,172,831 in the corresponding quarter of 1902. Customs yielded £8,172,915, a decrease of £987,054; excise £10,347,000, a decrease of £430,000; stamps £2,080,000, a decrease of £50,000, all other items having declined £1,164,892. For the nine months the revenue compares with that of the previous year as follows:—

	1903-4.		1902-4.
Customs	£26,134,615	...	£25,710,000
Excise	28,495,707	...	27,768,000
Stamps	6,070,000	...	5,920,000
Other	41,004,705	...	38,780,000
	£101,705,067	...	£97,968,000

These are the gross figures, payments to local bodies having to be deducted. This year's figures do not include last year's corn duty, expected to cause a loss of £1,000,000 for the half-year in which it was exempt. The revenue is not so elastic this year as last. About two and a half millions deficiency on an equal basis is apparent.

One of the best articles we have seen in an English paper on Australian State loans appears in the "Financier" of November 27. The writer sweeps away some of the crude notions expressed at the outset regarding the advantage that was to come to these communities as the result of the conversion of their debts. While pointing out that the States are bound down by contracts, he shows that with exceptions of small amounts, which he does not name, a reduction of interest by consolidation and transfer is impossible—an opinion which we have never successfully challenged. We may reduce the interest, but by increasing the principal correspondingly the result is really the same with charges added at the cost of the State. As the "Financier" truly says, "Conversion and consolidation, therefore, could only be accomplished by such an addition to the present amount of the indebtedness to be consolidated as would yield a total amount of interest not less than it now is." A point of some importance not hitherto kept in view is the amount of indebtedness for which there exist neither present nor prospective assets. Some years back we urged that such portions of the debt should be left with the States which had improvidently incurred them, the Commonwealth taking only those portions for which assets or guarantees of interest payment were given. For, as the "Financier" rightly asks, "Would it not be an outrage on justice to penalise the taxpayers of the Commonwealth as a whole for the criminal recklessness of certain State Governments? The States which have honestly tried to avoid unjustifiable expenditure would be unfairly taxed pro rata with others to pay interest on indebtedness lavished by peccant States on extravagant undertakings which can never yield any return." This advice given by the writer in the circumstances can hardly be questioned by any of the Treasurers who are to meet to discuss the finances: "The proper course to adopt before consolidation is attempted would be to engage competent experts to value the actual assets on which the loans of each State now stand, and debit the States which have borrowed indiscreetly with the difference between the present net and market values of existing assets represented by loans and the total amounts borrowed."

As to the methods of transfer, there is much—we may say, everything—to be said in favour of the gradual assumption by the Commonwealth as the loans fall due for repayment. The proposal was made in the first instance, we think, by Mr. Coghlan. Nor is there anything to be objected to in the statement that the loans should be redeemable after a term of years, or be perpetual, at the option of the Commonwealth Government, as is the practice in some leading European countries. And there is much to be said in favour of the proposal that a sinking fund should be invariably associated with each new Commonwealth loan. Of course only, as the writer puts it, that the fund should be securely protected from all those risks of being tampered with to which the State Governments' sinking funds "have been so discreditably and persistently exposed when unforeseen and pressing financial exigencies have tempted State Treasurers to illegal manipulation." If securely-protected sinking funds are provided, no doubt they will operate beneficially in two ways. First, in keeping down the debt, and in the second place in improving the credit of the States, for creditors will see that it is surely intended to repay the principal. But the more difficult question of holding and control is left. And the position is well stated by the "Financier":—

Should all future borrowing for State Government and Commonwealth purposes alike be exclusively entrusted to the latter? If the reply be in the affirmative, does it follow that all reproductive assets built up out of loans should also be transferred to the Administration of the Commonwealth? From one point of view the transfer of the State railways, irrigation and other public works constructed with loan moneys to the Federal Government would appear to be a natural corollary to its assumption of State indebtedness. But this, again, implies the transfer of the control and administration of those undertakings in which the State loans are chiefly invested to the central authority, and here we are confronted with a formidable array of difficulties. It is to be feared that the concentration of such extensive and ever-expanding Australian enterprises in a single bureau would gravely imperil their efficient control and successful development. Enough has already been said, however, to prove that the transfer of State loans to the Commonwealth is beset with serious perplexities requiring a combination of statesmanlike qualities, for which we shall look in vain in the Federal Parliament now on the verge of dissolution.

The conclusion is a rather pessimistic one, as to the possibility of reconciling Government control and State requirements. It would almost seem as if the various State Governments must retain the railways and meet the cost of their capital out of earnings, open up their territories, and pay the insufficient amount out of revenue. If that is to be the case we have to abandon any hope that might have been entertained that an outside body should operate to check extravagance in railway extension, which was one of the expectations of federation, unless the check can in some way be applied by an interstate authority.

It is advertised that Mr. P. N. Slade, who for a number of years has been in business in this city, and Mr. G. F. Brown, who has just retired from Messrs. Hardie and Gorman, have united under the style of "Slade and Brown" as property agents.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

The Bank of England reserves in notes and coin are £18,574,000, as against £17,669,000 last week and £18,258,000 last year. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is 32.89 as against 36.90 last week and 27.26 last year. The circulation is £28,788,000, as against £29,085,000 last week and £29,694,000 last year.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes issued ...	£45,461,000	Government securities ...	£11,018,100
		Other securities	7,434,900
		Gold and silver coin	27,011,000
	£45,461,000		£45,461,000

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' capital	£14,553,000	Government securities	£19,320,000
Public deposits	7,950,000	Other securities	38,425,000
Other deposits	48,425,000	Notes	18,673,000
Rest, seven-day, and other bills	3,815,000	Gold and silver coin	1,910,000
	£74,743,000		£74,343,000

MONEY MARKET.

The Bank of England rate of discount is quoted at 4 per cent., to which rate it was raised from 3 per cent. on September 3. The market rate of discount for three months' bills is ¼ lower on the week at 3¾ per cent.

CONSOLS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Current quotations for Consols and Australian Government stocks, compared with those of last week and the corresponding week of last year, are as follow:—

—	Jan. 1, 1903.	Dec. 24, 1903.	Jan. 1, 1904.	Rise or Fall.
2½ per cent. Consols	90½	89½*	89	½ fall
N.S.W. 4's, 1923, Jan.-July ...	109½	107¾	107	Unch
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1918, March-Sept.	102	98*	98	Unch
N.S.W. 3's, 1903, April-Oct. ...	93	86	86	Unch
Vict. 4's, 1920, Jan.-July ...	106	105	105	Unch
Vict. 3½'s, 1921-26, Jan.-July ...	101	96*	96½	½ fall
Vict. 3's, 1929-49, Jan.-July ...	94½	86*	86	Unch
S. Aust. 5's, 1916, Jan.-July ...	93	87*	87	Unch
S. Aust. 3½'s, 1939, June-Dec. ...	102	100	100	Unch
Q'land 4's, 1919-24, Jan.-July ...	105½	105*	105	Unch
Q'land 3½'s, 1924-30, Jan.-July	99	95*	95	Unch
Q'land 3's, 1922-47, Jan.-July ...	—	88*	88	Unch
N. Zealand 4's, 1929 May-Nov.	109½	106	106	Unch
N. Zealand 3½'s, 1940, Jan.-July	105	101*	101	Unch
N Zealand 3's, 1945, April-Oct.	95½	90	90	Unch
Tasmania 3½'s, 1920-40 Jan.-July	102	97*	97	Unch
Tasmania 3's, 1920-40, Jan.-July	—	87*	87	Unch
W.A. 3½'s, May-Nov., 1915-35 ...	101	96	96	Unch
W.A. 3's, 1915-35, May-Nov. ...	—	86	86	Unch

* Ex interest.

RABBITS.

Australian rabbits are flat and unchanged.

BRADFORD TOPS.

Business in the Bradford market is brisk. Forties are unchanged at 12d, 46's unchanged at 12d, common 60's ½ higher at 22½, and super 60's ½ higher at 23d.

METALS.

Copper on spot is ¾ higher on the week at 57, for three months it is ¾ higher at 58¾.

Tin on spot is 4½ higher for the week at 133¾, and for three months 4½ higher at 133¾.

Pig iron.—Middlesboro' is quoted at 42s 8d per ton, a fall of 3d.

Lead.—Soft foreign, 5-32 higher at 11 5-16.

Spelter.—21½ per ton, a rise of 5-16.

BUTTER.

There is a steady demand for butter, but the heavy arrivals are depressing prices. Choicest Australian is quoted at 96s to 98s, New Zealand 98s to 100s. The Ionic's cargo arrived in excellent condition. The Australia's was in good condition, fishiness being less noticeable. Danish is unchanged. A line of a year old Australian butter of a leading brand sold at 76s per cwt.

SUGAR.

Eighty-eight per cent. beet sugar is quoted at 8s 5d f.o.b., Hamburg and granulated at 10s 5d per cwt.

WHEAT.

Sellers are asking 30s 6d per 480lb c.f.i. for Australian wheat cargoes for December shipment, 30s for January, and 29s 6d for February-March. Californian No. 1 shipping wheat is quoted in San Francisco at 1.37½dols. per cental.

FLOUR.

Minneapolis flour is quoted at 3.85dols. per sack.

BREADSTUFFS.

In connection with the subject dealt with by Mr Paxton yesterday the following copy of a private letter from London will be read with interest:—"When the Chamber of Commerce is fixing a standard sample of f.a.q. wheat we recommend you to do your best to get it to settle the quality on a lower basis than in former years. It is no good fixing the quality higher, and then finding afterwards difficulty in getting wheat to come up to the standard. Such a course is all the more foolish in that it only opens the door for buyers to make claims, and they are not slow to take advantage of it. One or two arbitrations awarded in buyers' favour here will set demands for arbitration in motion for most of the wheat coming forward, and once the impression gets abroad that the shipments are not up to standard it is pretty sure that arbitrators will allow something on nearly every occasion. Therefore urge the people on your side not to be in too great a hurry to settle the matter early in the season; it makes no difference to the selling of the wheat whether the standard arrives here early or late. As a matter of fact the bulk of the exportable wheat is sold long before any sample arrives. Records of shipments arriving early, however, are kept and compared with the standard when it arrives, and any disputes are settled then. Urge the people in Melbourne to take time and get the full representative show of the season's crop, and settle the quality always on the under side rather than on the over. This is the wish of every broker of position in the corn trade here. Australian wheat is sold as Australian wheat, and you get no more for it by fixing the standard high, and you get no less for it by fixing the standard reasonably; but in the other case you will save a lot of arbitration, and you will certainly make the business easier for those who handle the wheat on this side."

Messrs. John Darling and Son, writing from Adelaide under date December 29, state:—"Wheat: Deliveries of wheat are now commencing on a fairly free scale, and prices are settling down to export values. Several vessels have already loaded, and others are nearly completing their loading, so that by the end of the year the exports of wheat and flour for the new season will be fairly considerable. The following vessels have already completed loading:—Bannockburn and Australia, at Wallaroo; Osman and Eugene Schneider, at Port Pirie, and the Hilston, at Port Germein; and no doubt they will be quickly followed by several other vessels that are now loading. European markets are quiet, but fairly steady, with no great animation in the trade, and quotations range at about 29s 6d per quarter c.i.f. for January shipment, 29s 3d per quarter for February, and 29s for March-April shipment. At these rates present values, viz., 2s 10½d to 2s 11d per bushel, for shipping parcels of wheat do not leave any great margin for the shipper, but it is anticipated, should no improvement occur in the European markets, that prices will gradually settle down to 2s 10d per bushel in all States, when free deliveries commence during January. The Chamber of Commerce have fixed the standard sample for trading for this year at 61lb to the bushel. This is the lowest on record, but it was generally considered that the season was somewhat exceptional, and would not warrant a higher standard being fixed. Flour: A good trade is doing, and the mills are kept busily engaged to meet the demand. Quotations are £7 10s to £7 15s per ton for best patent roller for Port Adelaide. Old flour is not in much demand, stocks of which are very light, and quotations are more or less nominal at £10 15s per ton."

IMPORT MARKET.

The Bonded Stocks at the end of the last five years compare as follow:—

—	Stock in Bond, Dec. 29, 1899.	Stock in Bond, Dec. 28, 1900.	Stock in Bond, Dec. 27, 1901.	Stock in Bond, Dec. 31, 1902.	Stock in Bond, Dec. 31, 1903.
Rum, punch ...	51	14	66	149	2
Ditto, hhds. ...	181	450	313	564	58
Ditto, qrs. ...	638	1,120	849	1,546	437
Ditto, octvs. ...	1	54	21	27	749
Ditto, cases ...	2,807	1,812	1,106	..	43
Ditto, leagers	...	...	...	8	2,939
Brandy, hhds.	49	58	3	80	79
Ditto, qrs. ...	1,913	1,642	1,673	1,901	1,682
Ditto, octvs. ...	478	581	401	460	417
Ditto, cases ...	20,177	13,206	14,473	11,880	12,823
Whisky, hhds.	1	265	302	1,729	85
Ditto, qrs. ...	4,334	3,407	3,352	4,610	953
Ditto, octvs. ...	1,805	1,794	1,353	1,412	4,299
Ditto, punchns	...	...	...	162	1,623
Ditto, cases ...	73,328	65,029	55,364	26,155	35,198
White spirit, qrs.	167	20	74	19	23
Ditto, octvs. ...	41	58	20	...	...
All other spirits, cases	815	1,106	850	1,544	1,326
Genevа, cases	9,017	8,846	5,766	...	947
Ditto, qrs. ...	6	5	14	...	...
Schnapps, cases	8,452	10,368	9,041	19,989	10,321
Gin, cases ...	8,229	8,969	8,306	13,723	12,984
Liqueurs, cases	3,086	2,589	2,492	2,783	2,526
Still wine, butts	33	31	19	27	22
Ditto, hhds. ...	50	60	41	23	14
Ditto, qrs. ...	1,027	1,321	924	1,277	1,226
Ditto, octvs. ...	223	198	49	45	45
Ditto, cases ...	10,884	9,398	5,364	4,839	4,308
Sparkling wine cases ...	4,564	2,911	3,271	3,843	3,150
Opium, ditto...	46	26	199	147	119
Beer, hhds. ...	1,701	729	1,822	3,445	2,352
Ditto, barls. ...	222	67	41	555	429
Ditto, kilds. ...	1	6	6	...	...
Ditto, cases ...	16,661	12,517	7,742	21,283	22,425
Tobacco, manf., qr. tierces	51	80	65	13	78
Ditto, boxes ...	79	185	47	138	55
Ditto, cases ...	1,948	1,904	1,392	1,504	1,617
Leaf tobacco, hhds. ...	672	480	174	827	1,438
Ditto, tierces ...	601	521	349	805	1,370
Ditto, cases ...	68	128	31	186	102
Ditto, bales ...	153	81	274	428	309
Cigars, cases ...	755	1,147	1,242	1,024	849
Snuff, ditto ...	4	1	4	...	...
Cigarettes, cr.	229	129	110	184	27,969
Hops, lb. ...	...	...	26,967	37,222	7,222
Candles, boxes	...	...	19,117	18,930	2,372
Milk, cases ...	...	...	4,067	6,709	1,498
Rice, sacks ...	...	...	1,105	1,676	20,207
Ditto, bags ...	...	...	4,436	6,858	429
Vinegar, casks	...	...	407	455	4,267
Ditto, cases ...	...	...	9,208	8,925	223
Galvan. Iron, cases ...	...	...	544	561	610
Glucose casks	...	...	145	502	617
Ditto, cases ...	...	...	748	613	53,203
Salt, sacks ...	...	...	41,441	60,929	26,264
Ditto, bags ...	...	...	20,909	20,627	162
Rockselt, tons	...	...	86	83	29,468
Cement, casks	...	...	30,751	28,047	327,802
Furnaris, lb. ...	...	...	436,203	376,162	267,348
Raisins, lb. ...	...	...	323,993	281,306	13,434
Dates, lb. ...	...	...	62,014	106,786	55,875
Other fruits, lb	...	...	27,618	27,247	244,412

EXPORT MARKET.

Monthly Exports.—The following is a return of the principal articles of export for the year 1903 from the port of Sydney to places outside Oceania, together with the totals for some preceding years:—

Month.	Wool. Bales.	Skins. Pkgs.	Hides. No.	Tallow. C'ks.	Tin. Ingts.	Copper. Ingots.	L'ther. Pkgs.
Jan.	84,478	1,664	20,237	1,016	3,411	30,722	1,508
Feb.	51,279	1,309	11,377	960	3,876	51,256	893
Mar.	99,504	1,056	10,587	467	3,476	42,833	768
April	99,365	685	7,602	626	3,070	44,769	526
May	99,619	1,129	7,203	826	5,544	88,576	804
June	13,194	1,147	7,095	130	4,376	32,843	603
July	13,986	1,283	10,476	655	3,146	35,848	915
Aug.	9,112	1,808	8,802	1,439	3,679	65,300	944
Sept.	14,284	1,895	5,479	2,411	7,719	152,229	1,043
Oct.	99,160	1,775	3,769	1,062	6,378	151,145	747
Nov.	73,269	1,362	9,060	2,746	7,195	175,467	914
Dec.	109,083	1,062	6,375	3,868	6,944	83,516	608
Total, 1903	493,882	16,219	106,643	15,967	59,009	894,707	10,350
1902	470,983	25,963	234,868	19,479	34,859	546,905	14,473
1901	618,374	18,008	178,844	42,988	41,998	621,127	19,300

Month.	Preserved Meats. Cases.	Frozen Mutton. Carcases	Frozen Beef. Pieces.	Hoofs and Bones Tons.	Horns. No.	Copra. Tons.
Jan. ...	845	9,753	1,097	15	83,085	285
Feb. ...	635	350	3,026	16	90,246	3
March	782	3,541	56	22	47,198	...
April ...	664	1,350	812	13	44,703	...
May ...	509	1,278	4,416	47	118,196	...
June ...	2,363	172	32	26	82,629	...
July ...	3,328	2,169	12	26	123,367	...
August.	4,941	8,272	613	49	134,633	4
Sept. ...	6,128	74,516	1,680	49	97,656	2
Oct. ...	4,928	95,475	560	29	95,700	136
Nov. ...	3,098	53,941	420	29	113,188	51
Dec. ...	6,646	27,294	—	15	80,220	6
Total ... 1903	34,628	283,325	12,184	364	1,100,422	487
1902...	141,617	287,164	14,258	434	1,343,604	857
1901...	180,104	652,837	32,263	264	1,190,350	65

PRODUCE INWARD.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The steamer Moorabool cleared at Geelong for Sydney with 920 bgs chaff, 172 bls hay, 200 bgs malt, and 50. cs fruit.

STOCK SALES.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The following prices were realised at the Corporation Saleyards to-day. Sixty cattle were yarded and sold. The market opened with a fall of 10s per head, and remained so throughout. Best bullocks £8 15s to £9 1s, good £8 to £8 13s, medium £7 5s to £7 15s; best cows £6 10s, good £7 16s to £8 7s, medium £6 to £7. 120 fat sheep yarded and sold. Wethers made 17s 11d, and shorn 14s 1d to 14s 6d. Best beef worth 22s per 100lb.

NEWCASTLE TRADE REPORT.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

As is usual at this time of the year, business has been slack. The majority of dairy produce lines are in heavy supply, and agents are offering concessions to effect sales before the close of the year. Butter supplies are about on a par with those of last week, and a smaller consumption will mean a bigger quantity left over for export by the next outgoing steamer. Cheese is almost unsaleable at any figure. The demand for bacon for Christmas requirements was brisk, but grocers evidently did not dispose of the whole of their stocks, as there is an entire absence of wholesale buying this week. The market is practically bare of hams, quotations being nominally the same as last week. Lard has been neglected since the holidays. Agents are holding for last week's prices, anticipating a better demand during next month. The price of eggs has eased down this week, as was generally expected. It is thought lower prices will be accepted early in the new year. Prices current are:—Butter 8d, pastry lines 6d per lb; cheese, new makes from 8½d to 6d, matured lines 6d to 6½d per lb; bacon, sides 9d, flitches 8d, middles 10½d, shoulders 7d per lb; ham, 12s 6d per doz tin; hams, 12 to 14 per lb; lard, 6d to 8d per lb; eggs, 1s to 1s 1d per doz.

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WESTERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SECOND DAY'S SHOOTING.

CHAMPION AGGREGATE WON BY LIEUTENANT RICKWOOD.

A. W. M'CALLUM SECURES THE PRESIDENT'S.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

BATHURST, Friday.

The sixteenth annual prize meeting of the Western Rifle Association was continued this morning under favourable weather conditions. The Spencer, a 10-shot match at 600 yards, was won by Lieutenant Joseph O. Miller, of the Australian Rifles, with 47 out of a possible 50 points, his score being made up of seven bullseyes and three inners. A slight fishtail wind prevailed during the firing of this event. Scores of 41 were counted out of the prize list.

The Ladies', seven shots each at 500 and 600 yards. The popular distances produced some fine scoring. Private W. Cutler, Bathurst, and Trooper C. Morris, Goulburn, tieing for first place with 34, 33—67, each, out of the possible 70. In the shoot-off the latter won. At the shorter range very few obtained less than 30 points; but at the second distance the wind became patchy, strengthening up suddenly from the right, and as quickly dying away again. Consequently totals of over 30 were scarce. Entrants with 60 points and over won prizes.

The President's, seven shots each at 600 and 700 yards followed. Bugler Hansard was top at the opening range with 34, but broke down with 19 at the next. It was very difficult shooting, and scoring was erratic in the case of the majority at the 700yds. At one stage it looked as if 50 would win money, but the last men down had much the better time, and it took 53 to get into the list. A. W. M'Callum, Randwick and Coogee, and Sergeant E. Wright, Bathurst, tied for the first place with 62 each. In the shoot-off the former won easily.

The Western champion grand aggregate of matches contested was secured with a decent margin by Lieutenant Rickwood, who won the King's on the previous day. He shot consistently throughout, and his total of 309 out of a possible 340 in the 68 rounds gave him an average value per shot of 4.4. His winnings in the series amounted to £33, besides two gold medals. Lieutenant J. O. Miller occupied second place in the aggregate with 287, made up of 124 in the King's, 59 in the Ladies', 47 in the Spencer, and 57 in the President's; whilst C. W. Prott, Wollongong, an ex-champion, came third with a similar aggregate. Lieutenant Miller appropriated in all £17 and a gold medal. The fourth position was filled by George Lindsay, Wollongong, with 286 points. The meeting will be concluded to-morrow.

The following are the scores:—

THE SPENCER, 10 shots at 600yds, 30 prizes, £26 and gold medal to winner.

£4, Lieutenant J. O. Miller, Australian Rifles, 47.
£3, Lieutenant Jacobs, Albury, 45.
£2, Lieutenant Chisholm, Kiama, 45.
£2, Private Cutler, Bathurst, 45.
£2, Lieutenant Rickwood, Naval Brigade, 45.

The following won £1 prizes:—With 44 points: Private E. Cutler, Bathurst. With 44 points: J. K. Finlayson, Inverell; Aitken, Alexandria; Sergeant W. Cooper, Staff; Private G. Fisher, Orange. With 43 points: C. W. Prott, Wollongong; Private Edwards, S. Australian Rifles; J. Orr, N. Sydney; Q.M. Sergeant Meaney, Engineers; Q.M.-sergeant Draper, 1st Regiment; Private H. Love, Kiama; Private Donlan, Alexandria; M. Cunningham, Bathurst; Corporal Paine, 2nd Regiment. With 42 points: Hearne, Randwick and Coogee; E. C. Faux, Kiama; W. Noller, Parramatta; M'Callum, Randwick and Coogee; R. Tyrrelds, Glen Innes; Sergeant Wright, Bathurst; G. Lindsay, Wollongong; A. Rixon, Wyong. With 41 points: O. Frost, Kiama; H. Gillespie, Gundagai; A. Brook, Richmond. Five scores of 41 were counted out.

LIEUTENANT MILLER'S TARGET.

600yds—47.

THE LADIES', seven shots each at 500 and 600 yds, 31 prizes, £44, highest possible 70 points.

£5, Trooper C. Morris, Goulburn, 34, 33—67.
£4, Private W. Cutler, Bathurst, 34, 33—67.
£3, F. G. Wright, Goulburn, 33, 32—65.
£2, Sergeant J. Mackenzie, Scottish, 34, 31—65.
£2, Private G. Fisher, Orange, 33, 33—64.
£2, E. C. Faux, Kiama, 33, 31—64.

The following won £1 each: With 64 points: Corporal C. W. Paine, 2nd Regiment. With 63, H. Gillespie, Gundagai; A. Walkir, Hargraves. With 62: Quartermaster-sergeant Draper, 1st Regiment; Lieutenant Sheldon, Engineers; C. W. Prott, Wollongong; J. Maxwell, Newcastle; W. A. Clark, Randwick and Coogee; G. Lindsay, Wollongong; W. Noller, Parramatta; Sergeant W. Cooper. With 61 each: S. W. Drysdale, Glen Innes; J. Orr, North Sydney; P. M. Ettinghausen, 2nd Regiment; Quartermaster-sergeant Meaney, Engineers; R. A. MacCook, Parramatta; Private Rhodes, Australian Rifles; Bugler Hansard, Bathurst; E. W. Hearne, Randwick and Coogee; A. Rixon, Wollongong; Lieutenant Rickwood, Naval Brigade. With 60: Private E. Cutler, Bathurst; A. Blackshaw, Bathurst; A. Chisholm, Kiama; Private A. Cutler, Bathurst.

PRIVATE W. CUTLER'S TARGETS.

500yds—34. 600yds—33.

THE PRESIDENT'S. Seven shots each at 600yds and 700yds; 31 prizes, £47; highest possible score, 70 points.

£6, A. W. M'Callum, Randwick and Coogee, 50, 32—62.
£5, Sergeant E. A. Wright, Bathurst, 32, 30—62.
£4, Sergeant J. M'Kenzie, Scottish, 29, 32—61.
£3, E. C. Faux, Kiama, 32, 29—61.
£2, Quartermaster-sergeant Meaney, Engineers, 29, 30—60.
£2, Lieutenant Rickwood, Naval Brigade, 33, 27—60.

The following won £1 prizes:—With 59 points: Trooper C. Morris, Goulburn. With 58: Private E. Cutler, Bathurst. With 57: Lieutenant J. O. Miller, Australian Rifles; J. Orr, North Sydney; Sergeant W. Cooper; G. H. Barnes, Newcastle; E. W. Hearne, Randwick and Coogee. With 56: John M'Grath, Hargraves. With 55: A. A. Sutter, Hargraves; H. Pickett, Sydney; A. Brook, Richmond; J. Maxwell, Newcastle; W. M'Grath, Hargraves. With 54: Sergeant D. M'Calley, A.M.C.; H. Love, Kiama; F. J. Wright, Goulburn; J. Kefford, Bathurst; F. M'Grath, Hargraves; S. A. Kefford, Bathurst; Sergeant W. W. Pettigrew, 2nd Regiment. With 53: J. Drysdale, Glen Innes; W. Cutler, Bathurst; C. W. Prott, Wollongong; Lieutenant Sheldon, Engineers; G. Lindsay, Wollongong.

A. W. M'CALLUM'S TARGETS.

600yds—30. 700yds—32.

Western Champion Aggregate.—47 prizes, £91; and a four-guinea gold medal to the winner. Awarded for the highest aggregates in the King's, the Spencer, the Ladies', and the President's. Highest possible score 340 points.

£15 and Medal.—Lieutenant W. G. Rickwood, Naval Brigade, 309 points.

£10.—Lieutenant J. O. Miller, Australian Rifles, 287.

£7.—C. W. Prott, Wollongong, 287.
£5.—G. Lindsay, Wollongong, 286.
£3.—Sergeant W. Cooper, Staff, 284.
£3.—Quartermaster-sergeant Meaney, Engineers, 283.
£3.—Private F. Cutler, Bathurst, 282.
£2.—A. W. M'Callum, Randwick and Coogee, 281.
£2.—E. C. Faux, Kiama, 281.
£2.—Private W. Cutler, Bathurst, 281.
£2.—E. W. Hearne, Randwick and Coogee, 279.
£2.—W. A. Jacobs, Albury, 278.

The following won £1 prizes:—With 277 points: Trooper C. Morris, Goulburn; J. Orr, North Sydney; A. A. Sutter, Hargraves; A. Chisholm, Kiama. With 275: Sergeant D. M'Calley, A.M.C.; W. A. Clark, Randwick and Coogee; Private A. Cutler, Bathurst. With 274: Sergeant E. A. Wright, Bathurst; H. Pickett, Sydney; F. J. Wright, Goulburn; H. Love, Kiama; R. J. Drysdale, Glen Innes. With 273: S. A. Kefford, Bathurst; W. O. Mowbray, With 272: J. Maxwell, Newcastle; S. Edwards, Australian Rifles; A. Rixon, Wollongong. With 271: Sergeant M'Kenzie, Scottish; Private C. Fisher, Orange. With 270: A. Blackshaw, Bathurst. With 267: Bugler H. Hansard, Bathurst; Corporal Paine, 2nd Regiment. With 266: Lieutenant Sheldon, Engineers; Quartermaster-sergeant Draper, 1st Regiment. With 265: F. M'Grath, Hargraves; Sergeant R. Smith, Engineers; W. Noller, Parramatta. With 264: G. H. Barnes, Newcastle; A. Brooks, Richmond; Private Ettinghausen, 2nd Regiment. With 263: H. Gillespie, Gundagai; E. Atkin, Alexandria. With 260: A. M'Grath, Hargraves. With 258: Private S. Rhodes, 6th Regiment; and O. East, Kiama.

N.R.A. OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Friday.

The final stage in the King's Prize at the annual prize meeting of the National Rifle Association of Western Australia was yesterday won by A. Carter, of Victoria, with a total of 197 points, J. M. Davies (W.A.) being second with 195, J. C. Yeo (W.A.) third with 195, Corporal Horner (W.A.) fourth with 194, W. J. Newgreen (Victoria) fifth with 194, and S. Kernick (S.A.) sixth with 168 points.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

At the Crowl Creek mine during the week ended December 26 Nos. 1 and 2 furnaces were engaged in smelting ore. No. 3 furnace smelted ore for two days, and roasted matte the remainder of the time. The first charge of ore was placed in No. 4 furnace. The ore smelted to Thursday amounted to 91 tons, while 3 tons 6cwt of copper was produced. About 15 tons of matte was on hand. During the week 15 tons of copper was produced.

LAUNCESTON, Friday.

At the Tasmania Mine, Beaconsfield, the Cornish and hydraulic pumps have been started at the main shaft, and are working smoothly.

WINNECKE AND ARLTUNGA GOLDFIELD.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

Mr. L. C. E. Gee, warden in charge of the Winnecke and Arltunga goldfields, is now on a visit to Adelaide. He speaks of the possibility of the fields as hopeful, so long as judicious management is shown and capital is invested. When he left not much work was being done. At Winnecke's operations to some extent were in progress at the Reward claim, Coorong, and the Junction mines, and parcels of ore from these properties have been treated lately with good results. Promising shows have been found at the Shamrock, about 10 miles west of Winnecke's and of Georgiana Gap.

REPORTS.

The manager of the Cuprite Consolidated Tin Mines reports under date of December 17, as follows:—Diamond tunnel: Drive 6 from main, total 35ft. Tin improved, showing halfway up face; appearance as drive extends of rising to full face, apparently cut top of chute; crushing material up to 20 per cent. being paddocked.

The manager of the Crowl Creek Mine reports for the week ended December 26:—60ft level: South drive advanced 7ft 6in for the week; total 31ft. Face in gneiss formation. 270ft level: Nine feet of the main drive timbered for the week, and 161 tons ore sent to the surface from the stopes. 320ft level: Contractors' drive 7ft for the week; total 78ft from the plat. Veins of sulphide ore still occurring.

The manager of the Corowa Deep Lead G.M. Co. reports under date of December 29:—Lower reef drive in 70ft; still in hard rock. North drive from the extended 22ft; total 215ft, in payable ground. South crosscut between balance shaft and rise in 88ft, in good ground. Crosscuts opened north and south, off west drive; north in 13ft, south 17ft; both in payable ground. Yield for fortnight 24oz. 7dwt., from 30 fathoms.

BLUEJACKETS v FIREMEN.

A MAGNIFICENT RACE.

ROYAL ARTHUR v FIRE BRIGADE.

WON BY THE FLAGSHIP'S CREW.

FIREMEN PROVE THEMSELVES WORTHY COMPETITORS.

A race in service whaleboats was rowed yesterday morning between the crack crew from the Royal Arthur and a team from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. The Royal Arthur crew were the challengers, and it was expected they would win easily, but the race proved the closest contest that has taken place in Sydney for many years. Starting from near Shark Island, the Royal Arthur men jumped away very smartly, and at the end of the first minute's rowing had secured a lead of nearly two lengths. Then the M.F.B. came up steadily, and dr

TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

FIRST (CARRINGTON STAKES) DAY.

PENDANT WINS THE CARRINGTON STAKES.

Chairman, Mr. A. Hill; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. C. Gleeson; committee, Messrs. P. Glenister, Eden George, Charles Bath, D. H. Smart, J. Gough, F. Gaxieu, M. J. Kinnane; judge, Mr. J. B. Olliffe, J.P.; stipendiary stewards, Messrs. A. W. Pearson, A. W. Hutton, J. D. Witham; handicapper, Mr. J. Daly; hon. timekeeper, Mr. G. T. Alcock; starter, Mr. T. Watson; clerk of the scales, Mr. A. P. Wilson; clerk of the course, Mr. J. T. Luckey.

Tattersall's Club was favoured with beautiful weather yesterday for the opening day of its annual race meeting. The fixture is undoubtedly one of the most popular of those held at headquarters. The programme is always a liberal one, and never fails to call forth a generous response from owners, consequently the sport is invariably of a high order. In this respect yesterday's meeting was no exception to the long-established rule. The weather was just the kind to tempt people forth to take part in outdoor sports, and as a result the attendance in the different reserves was very large, and greatly in excess of that of last year. The gathering was also noticeable by reason of the large number of ladies present, and during the intervals between the races they patronised the lawn liberally for the purposes of promenading. The presence of Mr. L. De Groen's Military Band imparted a pleasant variety to the day's proceedings, and the selection of choice items played was greatly appreciated. The track was in first-class order, and everything passed off satisfactorily. There was only one slight mishap, and that in the Hurdle Race, Roodoch losing his rider at the jump in front of the judge's box, but no injury resulted to horse or jockey. The general arrangements were ably supervised by Mr. J. B. Olliffe and his staff.

DRESSES AND ATTENDANCE.

The grand stand and lawn were particularly well patronised, the attendance being larger than on Boxing Day. It was an ideal day for summer toilettes, and some very beautiful and elaborate dresses were seen. The finest muslin chiffons, the most cobwebby of voiles, and delicately tinted crepe-de-chines and mousselines de soie were trimmed with lace and guipure, and all were more or less finished with a deep lace shoulder cape, or a transparant yoke of lace. The vice-regal box was empty, but amongst others present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Busby, Mrs. and Miss Donkin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Miss Burdekin, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths and the Misses Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Merivale, Captain Purefoy, Mr. David Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tickle, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Belisario, Mr. and Mrs. E. Terry, Mrs. and Miss Delohery, Sir W. P. Manning and Lady Manning, Mr. T. Hughes, the Misses See, Mrs. and the Misses Gollin, the Hon. Lionel Sempill and Mrs. Sempill, Mr. and Mrs. H. Levy, Dr. and Mrs. Plaschi, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hay, Mrs. Rennie, Sir Matthew Harris, Mrs. Carty Salmon, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright Ashe, Mrs. George Airey and Miss Airey, the Misses Robertson, Mrs. Montgomerie Severn, Mrs. Hotham, Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Inglis, Miss Fosbery, Miss Wentworth, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Irene Marks, Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy Osborne, Miss Jennings, Miss Dorothea Oliver, Miss Rankin, Miss Kelly, Mr. H. P. Osborne, Mr. W. Allen, Mr. Colin Stephen, Colonel Stanley, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. F. Osborne, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Horsfall, Mr. A. Thompson, Mr. Sweetland, Mr. Palmer Roberts, Dr. A. Cox, Mr. Clibborn, Mr. G. Maiden, Mr. Buchanan, Dr. Power, Mr. C. B. Fairfax, Mr. Eustace Fosbery, Mr. Wilkinson, Dr. Scheidel, Baron von Hoenling O'Carroll, Mr. Cope, Dr. Helms, Mr. M. Arnold, Mr. T. Marks, and Mr. G. Terry. Lady W. P. Manning wore a handsome dress of black figured silk grenadine over white silk, trimmed with white chiffon and touches of green, and a white and black toque. The Hon. Mrs. Sempill chose a pretty soft pale blue accordeon-pleated crepe-de-chine, the bodice having a transparent cream lace yoke and full lace sleeves from the elbow to the wrist, and a deep swathed belt of silk, the toilette being completed with a large black hat with a white feather beneath the brim at one side. Mrs. D'Arcy Osborne wore white linen with a black hat. Mrs. Burdekin's soft cream silk muslin was accordeon-pleated, the bodice trimmed with champagne-tinted lace, and worn with a black hat. Miss Burdekin also wore white with a burnt straw hat with pink and blue ribbon and a white feather. Mrs. P. H. Morton was in pale grey crepe-de-chine, with bands of ribbon velvet in a darker shade, and cream lace; black hat. Mrs. Alex. Hay's black and white chiffon muslin had touches of royal blue, and was worn with a black and white hat. Mrs. M. Severn wore white liberty silk with touches of pale heliotrope, and a white hat. Mrs. Alfred Nathan was in white muslin trimmed with lace, and a black hat. Mrs. Augustus Hill's blue silk was trimmed with lace, and worn with a Tuscan hat with pink roses. Mrs. Walter Brunton wore grey voile and ecru lace, with a black hat. Miss Rankin was in blue linen with blue and cream guipure, and a black hat. Miss Oliver wore white, the bodice trimmed with white silk embroidered in pale green and heliotrope, and a black hat. Mrs. Airey's black voile was relieved with Paris-tinted lace and a cream satin vest, and worn with a black bonnet and pink roses. Miss Airey was in pale blue crepe-de-chine and a cream hat trimmed with westeria. Mrs. Donkin wore black, and Miss Donkin pale blue linen. Mrs. H. Levy chose pale grey accordeon-pleated crepe-de-chine and a burnt-straw toque with a pale pink aigrette and pink tulle folds. Mrs. Rennie wore a handsome black crepe-de-chine with broad bands of guipure insertion, and a large black hat. Miss Plaschi's pale blue silk blouse was worn with a cream skirt and a black hat. Miss Irene Marks was in cream muslin with medallions of lace and bebe ribbon rosettes. Mrs. Flood wore dark blue, with a toque to match. Mrs. Salmon's ecru embroidered grass lawn was worn with a green belt and a white hat with dark red roses. Mrs. A. Tickle was in black accordeon-pleated chiffon over white silk and a cream straw hat with rosettes of pale pink and lyre-bird feathers. Mrs. Inglis wore black, with a white and black chiffon toque. Miss Fosbery chose a petunia and white spotted muslin, and a burnt-straw hat trimmed with berries and touches of pale blue. Miss See and Miss Hordern were both in white.

THE RACING.

Seven of the fourteen coloured on the card took the track for the opening event—the Hurdle Race—and after luvouritism had alternated between Satinvader and Transvaal, the former had a slight call at the rise of the barrier, while Roodoch came only other backed with any confidence. Toonga at once assumed command, and with Transvaal and Roodoch as his nearest attendants led into the straight and past the judge's box, where Roodoch hit the inner rail and parted company with his rider (H. Cook). Toonga carried on the running to the six furlongs post, where Transvaal ran up level with him, and the pair disputed the lead for a furlong; then Transvaal drew out and showed the way round the bend, where Satinvader ran into second place, challenged the leader as they neared the last obstacle, which Satinvader hit hard, and Transvaal had no difficulty in beating the son of Invader at the end. King Pin ran in the rear for the greater part of the journey, and Lantier was the last to get home.

Fifteen were stripped for the Lady Hopetoun Stakes, and the bulk of public money came for The Relic and Refuge Bay, who disputed the honour of favouritism, while Watchfire was the best backed of the others. The imported mare Lively, a daughter of Orvieto, who made her first appearance at headquarters, jumped off in front, but soon drifted back into the ruck, leaving Watchfire and Calcium disputing the lead from Felicita, Delcore, and Rue Royale, and they carried on the running to the bend, where Calcium beat a retreat, while Ironmould and The Relic moved up to the leading division. Watchfire swung into the running with Ironmould, Felicita, and The Relic at his heels, but when the distance was reached The Relic and Ironmould drew up level with him, and from that point the trio fought it out on terms until the half-distance was cast behind; then Watchfire and Ironmould drew slightly in front of The Relic, and Ironmould forging to the front in the last couple of strides, gained the judge's verdict by a head, while The Relic was only half a length off. Refuge Bay, who began badly, ran in the back division for nearly half the journey, and was just beaten out of a place.

Lady Laura was the only withdrawal from the Carrington Stakes, and 21 were stripped to do battle for the great sprint race of the meeting. When speculation opened Sulvre had the call in the market, but a persistent demand set in for Pendant, who from 10 to 1 rapidly hardened in the quotations until she ousted Sulvre from the premier position. Bassini, who had opened at 8 to 1, hardened to the position of favourite for a brief space, but eventually receded to a point shorter than his opening price, while from 10 to 1 Possum firmed a couple of points, and notwithstanding her great burden Air Motor was backed down from 12 to 8 to 1, the Haut Brion filly Idolise being the best backed of the others. The field was a well-conditioned one, and, to a good start, Mr. Watson sent them away. Sir Leonard, Sulvre, and Neruda were the first to break the long line of colours, and at the end of the first half furlong Neruda drew clear, but Pendant, who, left in the leading division, dashed out after the Lochiel filly, whom she headed before reaching the end of the first furlong, and the daughter of Far Niente passed that point with Neruda, Pendant, and Idolise as her nearest attendants. Gradually increasing her lead Pendant came round the bend with four lengths advantage from Neruda and Sulvre, while Idolise and Possum were handy, and Air Motor was beginning to emerge from the ruck. As Pendant swept into the straight with a commanding lead her victory was voiced by the vast assemblage, but from the distance Air Motor came with a resolute run, and, carrying her heavy impost in fine style, worked her way into second place ere the half distance was reached, but the flying daughter of Far Niente was not to be caught, and scored, all out at the end, from the Villiers Stakes winner and Prince Lyon, who came with a great rattle from the distance, while Sulvre, Possum, and Yannawas were close up behind the placed horses. Bassini was never prominent in the contest; Idolise ran well forward to the half distance, where she melted out of it, and though Famous showed up well in the early part of the contest, he had nothing to say in the settlement of the question. Pendant was bred at the Hobartville stud by Mr. W. A. Long, and is by Far Niente (son of Galliard) from Necklet, by Musket from Locket (imp.)—dam of the successful sires Medallion and Thunderbolt, and granddam of the Metropolitan winner, Caravat. She was purchased as a yearling by Mr. E. Stanton, whose colours she carried unsuccessfully, and was afterwards sold to her present owner, Mr. James Brennan, for whom she has won the Carrington Stakes last year, the V.A.T.C. Oakleigh Plate, and a few suburban handicaps in this State. Air Motor ran a wonderfully good mare under her heavy burden, but her rider made the mistake of allowing a speedy customer like Pendant such a decided advantage at the home turn that it was almost a hopeless ask to pursue her. Though Prince Lyon has recently been showing good form, few were prepared to see him run so well forward in the Carrington Stakes company. The time (1.12¾) was very good, being a second and a quarter better than that record last year.

In a field of eight for the Juvenile Stakes there was most money for the Haut Brion gelding, Vitula, while Jim Dorset and Lord Fitzroy were also well befriended. Jim Dorset got badly away, and, after a bump on the rails, was nearly last in the first couple of furlongs. Lord Fitzroy led for the first furlong, and was then joined by Vitula, the pair disputing the lead until fairly on the road for home; then Jim Dorset and Gembok closed upon the leaders, and heading them inside the distance, Jim Dorset and the Schimmel colt fought it out to the half-distance, where the former asserted himself, and won easily at the end, while the favourite was just beaten out of a place.

Only half a dozen of the 18 on the list for the Pace Welter faced the music, and there was most money for the Orzil colt, Overdale, who was closely run in the market by Byton and Gelagnite, while Carrageen was the best backed of the others. Gelagnite lost his chance by dwelling at the post, and was left a dozen lengths behind, while Perfect and Byton carried on the running until in line for the judge's box; then Overdale threw out a bold challenge to the pair, and silencing them in the run home, beat them easily. The winner, Overdale, is a fine-topped colt by imported Orzil from Dutch Oven, by The Australian Peer, from Stormbird, by Yattendon from Petrel, the dam of those good old-time performers, Excelsior and Wrangler.

The Northcote Handicap attracted a dozen runners, and Donovan, who was installed favourite, was closely run in the quotations by Graceton and Nothos, while at longer prices Fungus, Leader, The Relic, and T.M.S. received good support. The favourite took charge in the first half furlong, and held his place until well inside the distance, where Nothos came along with a resolute run, and easily accounted for Donovan at the finish. The winner was absolutely last five furlongs from home, but made up his leeway in fine style from the entrance to the straight. Betting was very spirited during the afternoon, and in the battle between backers and layers the latter had the worse of the deal.

The details of the racing are subjoined:—

HURDLE RACE, a handicap sweepstake of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs., and third 10 sovs. About 2 miles.

Mr. J. L. Woodbourne's b g Transvaal, by Fusilier—Maggie Moore, aged, just (J. Montgomery) 1
Mr. J. Paterson's br g Satinvader, 5yrs, 10st 7lb (H. Gough) 2
Mr. C. Jeffries's b g Frontier, 6yrs, 9st 2lb (G. Phillips) 3

Other starters: King Pin, 11st (P. Regan); Toonga, 9st 7lb (T. Grimes); Roodoch, 9st 2lb (H. Cook); Lantier, 9st (E. Humphries).

Betting: 9 to 4 v Satinvader, 5 to 2 v Transvaal, 9 to 2 v Roodoch, 10 to 1 each v Lantier and Frontier, 12 to 1 v King Pin, 15 to 1 v Toonga.

Toonga jumped off in front, and led over the first hurdle a couple of lengths from Transvaal, Roodoch was three lengths further back, and six in front of Lantier, Frontier, and King Pin. Without material change they swung into the straight, and passing the judge's box Toonga held his advantage from Transvaal and Frontier, who were followed by Lantier and King Pin, while Roodoch lost his rider. They turned out of the straight in that order, and ran along the back to the six furlongs post, where Transvaal drew up alongside Toonga, Satinvader was five lengths further back, and, at two lengths intervals, succeeded Frontier and Lantier, with King Pin a dozen lengths off last. At the end of the next furlong Transvaal was leading by a length from Toonga, with Satinvader three lengths away at the head of the others, and so they came round the bend, but as they turned into the straight Satinvader ran into second place, and was at the leader's heels at the last obstacle, which he hit, and Transvaal, coming on at his ease, won by two and a half lengths from Satinvader, who was 10 lengths clear from Frontier, Toonga a neck away, and five lengths in advance of King Pin, with Lantier last. Time, 3m 49s.

LADY HOPETOUN STAKES, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs each for starters, with 100 sovs added; second 20 sovs and third 10 sovs. 1m.

Mr. Colin Smith's b g Ironmould, by Metal (imp.)—Hopabout, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb (N. Godby) 1
Mr. G. Osborne's gr g Watchfire, 5 yrs, 8st 2lb, (P. Housman) 2
Mr. Thos. Brown's br c The Relic, 3 yrs, 8st 10lb (A. M'Crimmon) 3

Other starters: Lively (imp.), 9st 5lb (W. H. Smith); Proceed, 8st 7lb (J. Cush); Colorado, 7st 12lb (G. Osborne); Delcore, 7st 10lb (A. E. Cornwell); Marge, 7st 8lb (H. Courtney); Handicapper, 7st 6lb, including 1lb over (P. Callinan); Rue Royale, 7st 5lb (W. Bracken); Calcium, 7st 5lb (G. Harvord); Felicita, 7st 4lb (G. Murdison); Sporran, 7st 4lb (M. Ryan); Bono, 7st 4lb (W. Jennings); Refuge Bay, 7st 2lb (R. W. Brennan).

Betting: 5 to 2 each v The Relic and Refuge Bay, 8 to 1 v Watchfire, 12 to 1 each v Ironmould and Delcore, 15 to 1 each v Marge and Colorado, 20 to 1 each v Bono and Lively.

Lively was smartest off the mark, but was quickly headed by Rue Royale and Watchfire, the latter of whom passed the seven furlongs post with Calcium at his girths; Delcore was a length away, with Felicita and Rue Royale almost on terms, and succeeded by a great cluster, whipped in by Bono. At the end of the next furlong Calcium and Watchfire were disputing the lead two lengths from Felicita and Delcore. Rue Royale and The Relic being a length further back, and so they ran to the half-mile post, where Ironmould, Lively, and Colorado joined the leading division. Calcium drifted out of it as they came round the bend, and Watchfire entered the straight just in advance of Ironmould, Felicita, The Relic, and Rue Royale, with Sporran showing prominently on the outside. When the distance was reached Ironmould and The Relic drew up level with Watchfire, and from that point the trio raced level until well inside the half-distance, where The Relic dropped back, and Ironmould forged to the front in the last couple of strides, beating Watchfire by a head. The Relic was half a length further back, and a length in front of Sporran and Refuge Bay, after whom came Rue Royale. Proceed, and Delcore, followed by a clustered lot, while the last to pass the post were Calcium and Handicapper. Time, 1m 42s.

CARRINGTON STAKES, a handicap sweepstakes of 8 sovs each for starters, with 400 sovs added. Second 70 sovs, and third 30 sovs from the prize. 6f.

Mr. J. Brennan's br m Pendant, by Far Niente (imp.)—Necklet, 3yrs, 9st (A. Hood) 1
Mr. C. Carlisle's br m Air Motor, 10st 5lb, including 10lb penalty (W. Bracken) 2
Mr. E. C. Naylor's br g Prince Lyon, 8st 3lb, including 5lb penalty and 1lb over (E. Fisher) 3

Other starters: Sir Leonard, 9st 8lb (J. Gough); Famous, 9st 6lb (F. Fielder); Beauclerc, 8st 10lb (W. Henderson); Ferryman, 8st 7lb (J. Henry); Bassini, 8st 2lb (P. Housman); Harvest Lad, 8st 2lb (W. H. Smith); Sulvre 8st 5lb including 5lb penalty (J. Barden); Yule Cake, 7st 11lb (D. Morgan); Cressy, 7st 10lb (G. Hough); Idolixe, 7st 10lb (W. Bradshaw); Kelp, 7st 10lb (F. Hickey); Sarto, 7st 7lb (G. Osborne); Apsley, 7st 6lb (R. W. Brennan); Yanawaa, 7st 7lb, including 5lb penalty (A. M'Crimmon); Neruda, 7st 2lb (N. Godby); Thetford, 7st 3lb, including 3lb over (T. Clayton); Possum, 6st 10lb (A. E. Cornwell); Praleen, 6st 13lb, including 5lb penalty (V. Curtin).

Betting: 9 to 2 v Pendant, 5 to 1 v Sulvre, 7 to 1 v Bassini, 8 to 1 each v Possum and Air Motor, 12 to 1 v Idolixe, 14 to 1 each v Harvest Lad and Sarto, 20 to 1 each v Sir Leonard, Famous, and Yanawaa, 25 to 1 each v Kelp and Yule Cake, 33 to 1 each v Neruda and Thetford, 40 to 1 v others.

From a good start, Sir Leonard, Sulvre, and Neruda were the first to show out, but when fairly settled into their strides Neruda took temporary charge from Sulvre and Pendant, the latter of whom, a little further on, flashed out and passed the five furlongs post, with Neruda at her girths; Famous and Idolixe were two lengths further back, followed by Kelp, Air Motor, and Possum. Drawing further away as they neared the half-mile post, Pendant passed that point three lengths from Neruda, who had Sulvre and Possum at her heels, and they were closely pursued by Famous, Kelp, and Air Motor, who were just in front of a great cluster. Pendant increased her advantage to four lengths as they swept round the bend, where Idolixe began to improve her position, and with the same lead the favourite entered the home stretch with Sulvre, Idolixe, Neruda, Possum, and Yanawaa in hot pursuit, and Air Motor at the head of the others. Save that Air Motor was coming on in good style, there was no change until the half-distance was reached. There Air Motor worked into second place, but could not catch the flying daughter of Far Niente, who won by nearly two lengths. Prince Lyon was a couple of lengths off third, closely succeeded by Sulvre, Yanawaa and Possum, after who came Sir Leonard, Cressy, Apsley, and Kelp, while Harvest Lad and Ferryman acted as whippers-in. Time, 1m 13¾s.

JUVENILE STAKES, a handicap sweepstake of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs., and third 10 sovs. 5 furlongs.

Mr. G. D. Woods's b g Jim Dorset, by Courage—Bonnette, 2yrs, 8st 12lb (W. Bracken) 1
Mr. W. H. Mate's ch c Gembok, 2yrs, 6st 12lb (N. Godby) 2
Dr. E. Fraser's br c Lord Fitzroy, 2yrs, 8st 7lb (J. Barden) 3

Other starters: Vitula, 9st 6lb (W. H. Smith); Peaceful, 8st 2lb (P. Housman); Graftondelle, 7st 12lb (R. W. Brennan); Arizona, 7st 12lb (T. Clayton); Vanadium, 7st 7lb (G. Hough).

Betting: 5 to 4 v Vitula, 3 to 1 v Jim Dorset, 4 to 1 v Lord Fitzroy, 8 to 1 v Peaceful, 10 to 1 v others.

Lord Fitzroy broke the line, and, when half a furlong had been covered, was leading by two lengths from Vitula, Graftondelle, and Arizona. The favourite drew up level with Lord Fitzroy at the half-mile post, where Gembok was a couple of lengths further back, and a similar distance in advance of Jim Dorset. Without change they came round the bend and entered the straight, but, at the distance, Gembok and Jim Dorset closed on the leading pair and passed them ere the half-distance was reached. At the latter point Gembok and Jim Dorset were fighting it out on terms, but, a little further on, the gelding shook off his opponent and won easily by nearly three lengths. Lord Fitzroy was two lengths off third, with Graftondelle and the favourite half a length further back and four lengths clear from Arizona, while Vanadium and Peaceful were three lengths away. Time, 1m 2⅗s.

PACE WELTER, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs each for starters, with 100 sovs added; second horse 20 sovs and third 10 sovs from the prize. 1m.

Mr. A. Harding's b c Overdale, by Orzil (imp.)—Dutch Oven, 3yrs, 9st 12lb (P. Housman) 1
Mr. J. A. Mayo's br g Byton, 4yrs, 8st 13lb (W. H. Smith) 2
Mr. E. Keys's blk m Perfect, aged, 9st 4lb (P. Stanley) 3

Other starters: Gelagnite, 9st 11lb (A. M'Crimmon); Carrageen, 8st 3lb (J. Barden); Bismuth, 8st (V. Curtin).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Overdale, 3 to 1 each v Byton and Gelagnite, 9 to 2 v Carrageen, 10 to 1 v Perfect, 25 to 1 v Bismuth.

Byton and Perfect were the first away, while Gelagnite hung at the post and lost nearly a dozen lengths. When fairly on the road Byton was half a length in front of Perfect, who was two lengths in front of Overdale and Bismuth, after whom came Carrageen; but when they reached the six furlongs post Perfect got her head in front of Byton; Overdale and Bismuth were a couple of lengths away and four in advance of Carrageen, with Gelagnite 10 lengths away. Perfect and Byton, on terms, came past the half-mile post, round the bend, and into the straight a couple of lengths from Overdale, who drew up level with the pair at the distance, and after a few strides Overdale cut down Byton, whom he beat easily by a couple of lengths. Perfect was two and a half lengths further back and three in front of Carrageen, Bismuth and Gelagnite following at intervals of about a dozen lengths. Time, 1m 41⅘s.

NORTHCOTE HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs each for starters, with 100 sovs added; second 20 sovs, and third 10 sovs. 1¼m.

Mr. G. Platt's br g Nothos, by Grafton (imp.)—Disgrace, 4yrs, 8st 3lb (T. Clayton) 1
Mr. R. O'Connor's blk m Fungus, 4yrs, 7st 2lb (N. Godby) 2
Mr. J. Samuel's b g Donovan, 5yrs, 7st 2lb (R. W. Brennan) 3

Other starters: Leader (late Autocrat), 8st 12lb (D. M'Carthy); Contest, 8st 12lb (E. Cleal); Kincumber, 8st 4lb (J. Bardet); Graceton, 8st (W. H. Smith); T. M. S., 8st (F. Hickey); Dumont, 7st 2lb (M. Ryan); Insolence, 7st 1lb, including 3lb over (G. Hough); The Relic, 6st 10lb (V. Curtin); Speculum, 6st 7lb (H. Courtney).

Betting: 4 to 1 v Donovan, 5 to 1 each v Graceton and Nothos, 7 to 1 each v Fungus and Leader, 8 to 1 each v The Relic and T. M. S., 10 to 1 v Kincumber, 16 to 1 v Insolence, 20 to 1 v others.

Dumont, Fungus, and T.M.S. moved off in front, but were quickly headed by Donovan, who showed the way past Oxenham's, with Fungus at his girths, and closely followed by Graceton and T.M.S., while Nothos was acting as whipper-in. When the mile post was reached Insolence ran up to the girths of Donovan, T.M.S., and Graceton were a length away, and a couple in advance of Fungus, with Leader and Kincumber four lengths off at the head of the others. Without material change they raced along the back, and to the half-mile post, where Donovan was still leading, with T.M.S., Leader, and Graceton at his heels, and Insolence a similar distance off at the head of the others, and Dumont last. Here Nothos began to make up his leeway, and, coming very fast on the outside, ran up behind Donovan, Graceton, and Leader as they came round the bend. Donovan held the lead until fairly in line for home, but Nothos drew up level at the distance, where T.M.S., Graceton, and Fungus were just in their wake. Leader and Donovan at the half-distance, and coming on won easily by two and a half lengths from Fungus, who beat Donovan by a head for second place. T.M.S. was half a length off fourth, and succeeded five lengths away by Speculation and Graceton; after whom came The Relic, Dumont, and Leader, with Kincumber at the tail of the hunt. Time, 2m 7⅘s.

SECOND DAY.

ANTICIPATIONS.

The annual race meeting under the management of Tattersall's Club will be continued and concluded at Randwick this afternoon with every prospect of a repetition of the high-class sport that gave satisfaction to the large holiday assemblage on New Year's Day. A similar transit service to that in vogue yesterday has been arranged, and in other respects the requirements of visitors to headquarters have received due attention. The sport commences at 1.30 p.m. with the Flying Welter, which wears a pretty open appearance. Cornwell's stable is represented by Ferryman, Possum, and Ravenshoe, the best of whom seems to be Possum. Fungus, Byton, Portland Belle, and Sir Richard have also been left with fair prospects, and the judge may declare for Fungus, Possum, and Portland Belle. Mangosteen and Jim Dorset divide the honours in the weights for the Nursery Handicap, and are fully entitled to the position. With 5lb concession from the aforementioned pair Vitula should be nicely suited, while Zythes and Fanshawe read well at their respective weights. A good battle is promised, and the numbers may go up for Zythes, Vitula, and Mangosteen. A large field may be expected at the post for the New Year's Gift, and those that seem to have the best prospects are Graceton, Leader, Lovel, Gelagnite, Nirvana, Donovan, and The Relic. Gelagnite and The Relic hail from the Warwick Farm stable, and the elect of the pair may win from Lord Lovel and Graceton. Tattersall's Club Cup is the next to engage attention, and, with 17 remaining in, the field should be fully up to the standard for the two miles race. Sir Leonard, who heads the list, is well-bred Fanfare should act well under Sst 9lb; Leader may not see the journey out, but Faithful should give a good account of herself, and Long Tom may have a say in the settlement of affairs. Even with his 10lb penalty, which brings his weight up to 8st 6lb, Bridegroom may be trusted to run a great race, for he is no stranger to heavy burdens, and he must be the hardest to beat at the close of the tiring journey; while Tatterdemalion, Ivan, and Donovan may be the best of the others. The contest should be brimful of interest, and with Fanfare, Long Tom, Bridegroom, and Faithful to battle it out, the situations may be occupied by Bridegroom, Fanfare, and Long Tom. Rise Up, Rising Fund, and Monarch seem to be the pick of the candidates for the Steeplechase, and they may come home in the order written. The reunion will be brought to a close with the Welter Handicap, in which the prospects of Leader, Graceton, Yanawaa, Byton, Possum, and Watchfire seem to be the brightest, and the judge may declare for Watchfire, Yanawaa, and Possum. The programme is subjoined:—

FLYING WELTER.—6f.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Ferryman	10	10	Portland			Gossamer	8	1			
Lord Cliveden	10	6	Belle	8	7	Oak	8	10			
Lord Lovel	9	12	Orzy	8	7	Chamberlain	8	9			
Calford	9	12	Victory	8	5	Nous	8	9			
Cressy	9	12	Sir Richard	9	4	Chimer	8	7			
Fungus	9	10	Sea Kale	9	4	Nimrod	8	7			
Canadian	9	10	Possum	9	2	Footes	8	7			
Byron	9	9	Brumio	9	2	Bernle's Notion	8	7			
Cashier	9	8	Ravenshoe	8	11						
Velocity	9	8	Dunsmuir	8	10						

NURSERY HANDICAP.—9f.

Mangosteen	9	8	Fanshawe	7	12	Sarah Jane	7 3
Jim Dorset	9	8	Zythos	7	12	The Hawker	7 3
Vitula	9	0	Scot Free	7	11	Vanadium	7 0
Lord Fitzroy	8	4	Peaceful	7	10	Sopra	6 10
Bon Soir	8	4	Hadrian	7	10	Chimera	6 10
Phaizon	8	2	Graftondelle	7	10		

NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—1m.

Fungus	9	7	Kensington	7	7	Sir Richard	7 2
Nothos	9	0	Lord Lovel	7	7	Keep	7 0
Sulvre	8	8	Gelagnite	7	6	Apsley	6 12
Kincumber	8	3	Canadian	7	6	Praleen	6 12
Graceton	8	3	Donovan	7	6	The Relic	6 12
Beauclerc	8	0	Lively	7	6	Thetford	6 10
T.M.S.	7	12	Orzy	7	6	Bottletree	6 7
Yanawaa	7	11	Nirvana	7	6	Colonade	6 7
Bassini	7	9	Kitty Gray	7	6	Refuge Bay	6 7
Myall	7	9	Ion	7	6	The Corporal	6 7
Perfect	7	7					

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP.—2m.

Sir Leonard	9	5	Bridegroom	7	10	Ivan	7 0
Fanfare	8	9	Little Mary	7	9	Carrageen	6 10
Leader (late Autocrat)	8	7	Tatterdemalion	7	7	Watchfire	6 7
Faithful	8	0	Oblivion	7	7	Refuge Bay	6 7
Long Tom	7	12	Saida	7	7	Donovan	6 7
						Emboss	6 7

STEEPLECHASE.—About 2¼m.

Rising Fund	11	6	Kaffir	9	10	Teamster	9 0
Satinvader	11	0	Rise Up	9	10	Bellitopper	9 0
Monarch	10	7	Quick Shot	9	5	Galtee More	9 0
Grafter	9	12					

WELTER HANDICAP.—1m.

Leader (late Autocrat)	10	6	Possum	8	8	Uressy	7 8
			Dumont	8	2	Watchfire	7 8
Sulvre	9	11	Insolence	8	0	Speculum	7 7
Graceton	9	7	The Relic	8	0	Signature	7 7
Northler	9	2	Standard	7	12	Vulcano	7 7
Yanawaa	9	0	Pressed	7	10	Ironmould	7 7
Called	8	12	Thetford	7	10	Rue Royale	7 7
Byton	8	9	Bendover	7	10	Margo	7 7
Benvenuto	8	7	Carrageen	7	8	Delcore	7 7
Ryde	8	6					

THE BETTING MARKET.

Tattersall's Club was well attended last evening on the occasion of reading the card for the Tattersall's Cup, but business was somewhat limited, and confined chiefly to ringmen covering wagers among themselves. Mr. George Wood officiated as chairman, and conducted the business in his usual tact and vigour. Sir Leonard was the first to come under notice, but found no friends at 25 to 1, £1500 being pooled. Fanfare opened at 6 to 1, with a point longer wanted. After a little fencing £300 to 50 was booked, after which £1900 at 5 to 1 went down in her favour, and business closed with 4½ to 1 on offer, and 5 to 1 wanted. Leader at 25 to 1 and Faithful at 7 to 1 were not fancied, but £250 to £50 went down to Long Tom, with £300 to £200 still on offer. T.M.S., Oblivion, and Saida were passed without any business being done, but Ivan found a friend to take £200 to £8, while 1000 to 50 went begging about the son of Little Bernie. After 440 to 120 had been recorded about Bridegroom, £800 to £200 was pooled, but his supporters held out for 9 to 2, which was not forthcoming. Tatterdemalion found a backer, who took 270 to 30, and offered to go on at the price, but 8 to 1, in hundreds, was the best forthcoming. This summed up the business done, and the following are the closing prices on offer:—4 to 1 v Bridegroom, 4½ to 1 v Fanfare, 5 to 1 v Long Tom, 7 to 1 v Faithful, 8 to 1 v Tatterdemalion, 20 to 1 each v Sir Leonard, T.M.S., Oblivion, Ivan, Carrageen, and Donovan, 25 to 1 each v Leader, Saida, Refuge Bay, and Watchfire, 33 to 1 each v Little Mary and Praleen.

CYCLING CARNIVAL.

RE-APPEARANCE OF MAJOR TAYLOR.

THE VISITOR IN WINNING FORM.

There was a large attendance at the Sydney Cricket Ground last night when the first events in the January Cycling Carnival were run off. The pavilions and ground were brilliantly illuminated, and the programme of racing was gone through without a hitch. The attraction of the evening was the reappearance of the champion, Major Taylor, who early last year showed wonderful sprinting power by defeating the best riders in Australasia. Last night Major Taylor met the best riders in New South Wales, and although he had only been on the track twice since he landed, he succeeded in winning one of the two races in which he started.

The champion's first appearance was in the fourth heat of the Christmas Handicap in which Gudgeon, who is recognised as the champion of New South Wales, was his nearest opponent. The latter was on the 15yds mark. The New South Wales rider got off well, but the American caught him just as he reached "his top." Gudgeon put in a very fast three-quarters of a lap with the champion trailing him. Shortly after the bell went Taylor went after the field, but the handicapper had been too generous to the men in front, and although the champion run in the exceptionally fast time of 56 1-5 seconds he finished about half a length behind the leading men.

The next race of the American champion was in the second heat of the New South Wales Wheel Race, the final of which will be run on Monday night. Again the nearest man to the champion was Gudgeon, on 25yds, and there was then a break of 60yds to Boidi, the speedy Italian rider. Taylor had rather more difficulty in catching Gudgeon in this event, and when he locked up the local rider he trailed him in beautiful fashion for three-quarters of a lap, when Gudgeon reeled off at an exceptionally fast bat. Taylor then shot to the front, and both were quickly within striking distance of the field. At the bell Taylor took a handy position, and at the members' stand, amid great excitement, he shot to the front and landed the race by half a length with one of his sensational fast finishes.

Horder, a New South Wales country rider, won the Christmas Handicap in fine style, with W. Harrison, a Sydney rider, second. Although Major Taylor did not start in the Continental Gift an interesting race resulted, and Mutton managed to beat Megson after an exciting finish.

The racing will be continued this afternoon, when Major Taylor will appear in a first-class mile handicap, a two-mile handicap, and a five-mile scratch race.

THE RACING.

The following are the details of last night's racing:—

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. First prize, £10; second, £2; third, £1. Half a mile. About ¼ lap. First in each heat, and second in two fastest heats to start in the final.

First Heat.—Don Harrison, 50yds, 1; A. Creighton, 10yds, 2. Six started. The pace was fairly brisk from the start, and was anyb

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NOTICE is hereby given that we the undersigned have, as from to-day, entered into PARTNERSHIP, and we will carry on our Business under the style of SLADE and BROWN, as Property Agents, Valuators, &c. 84 Moore-street. F. N. SLADE (late F. N. Slade and Co.), 82 Pitt-street; G. F. BROWN (late Hardie and Gorman), 84 Moore-street, 1st January, 1904.

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CAMPERDOWN.—3 new Cottages, neatly finished, well let, good position, price £1100.
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NORTH SYDNEY.—Charming Cottage Residence, elevated healthy position, near tram and park, 6 rooms, complete domestic offices and conveniences, land (corner block) 50 x 150, price £1500.
NEUTRAL BAY.—New Brick Cottage, 6 rooms, kit., laundry, bathroom, land 50 x 180, harbour views, £675.
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THE TERMS, viz.:—£5 per lot deposit, and balance in quarterly payments of £3 per lot, including interest at 5 per cent., ESTABLISH THE FACT that nothing so sound and genuinely liberal has yet been offered to the public in this Exclusive District, OWING TO THE ADVANTAGES OFFERED, viz., Healthy character of the District—554ft above sea level—Proximity to the City—30 minutes' journey—Superior Nature of the Soil, Perfect Natural Surroundings and Beautiful Homes, Prosperous Future before this particular locality, Remarkably Easy Sale Terms, and, LAST, but NOT LEAST, because the Sale will be PRACTICALLY WITHOUT RESERVE, THE AUCTIONEERS Can with Confidence RECOMMEND ALL AND SUNDRY to secure A BLOCK OR MORE ON SALE DAY.

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BUNDANOON, SOUTHERN LINE, NEAR MOSS VALE. ESTATE of the late Mr. W. JAMES. BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS.

MAGNIFICENT PROPERTY, in area 989 acres, within 1 mile of BUNDANOON RAILWAY station, and 2 miles only from EXETER, Parish Sutton Forest, County Camden.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, LIMITED, are instructed by the Executors, with a view to determine the interests of BENEFICIARIES, to sell the ESTATE by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1904, at 11.30 a.m.

THE ESTATE is permanently watered in ALL SEASONS by REEDY CREEK, while, independent of water holes, the house and farm buildings are provided for by an underground tank of 10,000 gallons.

THE WHOLE PROPERTY is securely fenced, and divided into paddocks, most of the land being cleared, 200 acres of which have been under crops.

THE BUILDINGS consist of SUBSTANTIAL BRICK FARM HOUSE, with roof of iron, containing 6 rooms, and verandah all round, large detached kitchen, dairy, and offices, all of brick, iron roof, also outbuildings, large hayshed, milking yards, stabling, etc.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.

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BLACKTOWN.—COUNTRY HOME and large area of Land, within a mile of STATION.

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A COMFORTABLE COTTAGE, of brick, verandahs, 6 rooms and offices, with large area of Land (about 180 acres). Splendid stabling, loose boxes, &c. The LAND is divided into ornamental grounds, garden, paddocks, &c. CARDS to view from the AUCTIONEERS.

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A SURE INVESTMENT, comprising CAPITAL BUSINESS PREMISES, substantially built of brick on stone, iron roof, containing LARGE SHOP, well known as Mr. M'DONAGH'S GROCERY EMPORIUM, also six dwelling rooms, kitchen, bathroom, washhouse, and usual domestic offices, let at a RENTAL of £78 per annum clear. Present tenant has been in occupation for the last eight years. LAND has a 38ft frontage to CHURCH-STREET, by depth of 121ft 3in to lane at rear. LARGE STABLING of brick, iron roof, fronting said lane and standing on LAND 33ft x 54ft, with another lane on the north side.

Also, VACANT BUILDING ALLOTMENT, having about 71ft frontage to SORRELL-STREET, by 124ft 6in in depth, well fenced.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., will submit to PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 12th January, 1904, at 11.30 a.m. The above FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

BROUGHTON ESTATE, IN SUBDIVISION.

NORTH SYDNEY.—BLOCK, part of Lamb's 25-acre, with FRONTAGES to Lamb's-road, Herbert-street, and others.

TITLE TORRENS. SPECIAL TERMS, exceptionally Easy.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LTD., are instructed to sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY NEXT, ON THE GROUND, at 3 p.m. The above Valuable Subdivision, situate about midway between St. Leonards and Artarmon Railway Stations, and surrounded by GOVERNMENT RESERVES.

Lithos now ready.

TO DAIRYMEN, GRAZIERS, HORSEBREEDERS, and Others.

PICTON, BOONSHILL ESTATE, situate only 1½ mile from the PICTON RAILWAY STATION, by GOOD MAIN ROAD, just outside MUNICIPAL boundary (thus escaping local rates). THE PROPERTY consists of 1047 Acres, well watered in all seasons by the NEPEAN RIVER, permanent CREEKS, and 3 DAMS independent of the TOWN Water Supply, which runs along the entire frontage, and is laid on to the ESTATE.

THE IMPROVEMENTS are:—Large BRICK HOMESTEAD and W.B. COTTAGE, with all necessary OUTBUILDINGS for a DAIRY FARM, while the Land is Subdivided into 9 CULTIVATION and GRAZING PADDOCKS.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd. (in conjunction with Mr. R. H. Inglis, of Picton), are instructed by the Owners to submit to PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the 19th JANUARY, 1904, at 11.30 a.m., at BOONSHILL, a Property well deserving of inspection by anyone requiring a large area of good land, with HOMESTEAD and all IMPROVEMENTS, as above noted.

TITLE, TORRENS.

TERMS: One-third Cash, Balance on Transfer; or if preferred balance may remain secured by Mortgage for 3 years at 5 per cent. per annum.

Solicitor to Estate, A. J. TAYLOR, Esq., Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street. Orders to view from either Mr. R. H. INGLIS, Auctioneer, Picton; or BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd.

PRELIMINARY.

BONDI.—The old CLUB HOUSE, adjoining the AQUARIUM, and having a good frontage to DEEPDENE-STREET.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., will submit the above property to PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, the 19th January, 1904, at 11.30 a.m.

KIRRIBILLI.—NORTH SYDNEY. Under Instructions from the PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF N.S.W., Ltd.

CLIFTON HOUSE AND GROUNDS.

This Charming Property (the last of the Old Estates in this favoured locality to come into the market), containing over 3 acres of land, accessible by either NEUTRAL BAY or MILSON'S POINT FERRY, is now being SUBDIVIDED into FIRST-CLASS RESIDENTIAL SITES by Mr. Surveyor Dobbie, with lovely views of Harbour, and with CLIFTON HOUSE, a substantial stone building, containing LARGE ACCOMMODATION, and well known as one of the Land Marks of Old Sydney, together with about an acre of land, will be submitted to PUBLIC AUCTION on the GROUND on SATURDAY, the 30th January, at 3 p.m.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., AUCTIONEERS. Solicitors to the Estate, Messrs. METCALFE and DANGAR. TITLE TORRENS. LITHOS SHORTLY.

ASHFIELD.—MOUNT IVY ESTATE.

The Estate, having frontages to Victoria, Queen, and other streets, is now being Subdivided into A1 RESIDENTIAL SITES, and will be submitted to PUBLIC AUCTION, on the GROUND, on SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 3 p.m.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LTD.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PYMBLE. THE FAVOURITE SUBURB ON THE NORTH SHORE LINE.

PYMBLE STATION ESTATE. GRAND RESIDENTIAL SITES, CLOSE TO STATION. ACRE BLOCKS.

HUGH DUFF AND CO. have received instructions from THE SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT COMPANY, Ltd., to offer by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Ground, the PYMBLE STATION ESTATE, AT AN EARLY DATE. HUGH DUFF and CO., 288 George-street, and Chatswood.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

TERRACE of three Stone HOUSES, faithfully built, each 7 rooms, hall, and offices; Land about 50ft to Moore-street (off and close Bondi-road), by a depth of about 140ft. Title Freehold. Very easy terms. Total rentals, £124 16s per annum.

ALLDIS and CO. will sell by Public Auction, ON THE GROUND, on SATURDAY, 16th January, 1904, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Messrs. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN are Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE. RESIDENTIAL SITE, MITTAGONG.

GEORGE HORTON has received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by Public Auction, at the Commercial Hotel, Mittagong, on SATURDAY, the 9th January, 1904, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., The Undermentioned Valuable Property:—1 acre 1 rood 35½ perches or thereabouts, Vernon and Fitzroy streets, Mittagong. This is a fenced corner block, opposite the properties of Mr. A. W. Tooth and the late Mr. G. A. Murray, and is a splendid building site for country residence. TITLE TORRENS. TERMS AT SALE. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer or to Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden, solrs., 99A Pitt-st., Syd.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, at 2.30 p.m., on the Premises, 50 Enmore-road, ENMORE, one door from Station-street. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Dining-room Suite, 7 pieces, in leather; Canopy-top Sideboard, h. p.g. back; 6 Austrian Chairs, Half-Tester Double Bedstead and Bedding, Handsome Wardrobe, p.g. door, 2 drawers; M.T. Washstands and Ware, Duchesse Chest, Curtain, Blinds, Oilcloth, Kitchen Utensils, and Sundries. GIBBS and CO. (H. B. POLLARD, Auctioneer) have been instructed by Mr. ADAMS, who is leaving the State, to sell by auction as above, Without Reserve.

BRISBANE OFFICE of THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD and SYDNEY MAIL, 264 QUEEN-STREET, BRISBANE. E. J. KENNEDY IN CHARGE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS, SALES EFFECTED BY AUCTION OR PRIVATELY.

PROPERTIES LET, RENTS and INTERESTS, &c., COLLECTED. ESTATES MANAGED. Valuations Made for Mortgage, Probate, Selling, and Other Purposes.

SPECIAL Arrangements made for Valuing and Conducting Sales Locally of Country Estates.

WAVERLEY-ROAD, BONDI.

At tram, near park, and handy to beach.

SHIRLEY and VILLETTE, two well-known and attractive RESIDENCES, erected of stone, of large accommodation, viz., each verandah, hall, 7 rooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, servant's room, laundry, capital stabling, loft, and man's room. Shirley has in addition a spacious side room. The LAND has 153ft frontage to WAVERLEY-ROAD, with the GREAT DEPTH of 603ft. The site is a most excellent one, being quiet, and commanding very pleasing views. The property is recommended to those seeking comfortable homes in an attractive, healthy suburb, within so convenient a distance of the city.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 8th January, at 11.30 a.m., The above desirable Residences and Grounds, Bondi. Messrs. PIGOTT and STINSON are Solicitors of the owner. (553)

GLEBE-ROAD, on the busy side, between Cowper and Mitchell streets.

By order of the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD., Executors of the late Mr. John Tucker.

MULTIFLORA, a Detached COTTAGE, No. 77 GLEBE-ROAD, of brick, front painted, stone foundation, verandah, hall, 4 rooms, bath at end of back verandah, kitchen and cellar, land about 36ft frontage, with a depth of 140ft (part to right-of-way) back to a lane. Title Leasehold, over 13 years to run. Ground rent, £12 per annum. There is plenty of space between the building line and this Cottage to erect a shop.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m., The above main road frontage property. (560)

WAVERLEY, only a few yards from CENTENNIAL PARK, COTTAGE called HAVILAH, in RUTHVEN-STREET, close to trams. It is of white, lined, on stone, verandah, hall, 4 rooms, washhouse, large shed for 2 horses and carts, sewer, city water. Land 30 feet by 99 feet. Leasehold, about 62 years to run; ground rent, £8 2s 6d per annum. AUCTION SALE at he Rooms on FRIDAY, 8th January, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (571)

NORTH SYDNEY. A cheaply reached and esteemed suburb.

By order of the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD., as Trustees in the Estate of the late J. S. Ryan.

FIONA, a faithfully erected and attractive RESIDENCE, detached and commodious, of brick, painted, stone basement, slate roof, bay window, verandah and balcony in front, a very wide balcony at rear, and containing hall, 7 rooms, bathroom, and p.w.c., hearoom, pantry, kitchen, servant's bedroom, cellar, detached wbd. washhouse, and fuel bin. Gas, sewer, city water. In front is a garden plot enclosed by stone dwarf wall and iron railing. The LAND has 66 ft frontage to BERRY-STREET, with the great depth of 402ft to M'LAREN-STREET, to which the frontage is 60ft. The position in Berry-street, between Walker and Alfred streets, commands view of harbour and eastern suburbs. CARDS to View obtainable at Rooms of Auctioneers.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m., The above delightfully situated home at North Sydney. (550)

NORTH SYDNEY. A Semi-detached COTTAGE, of neat design, No. 417 MILLER-STREET (east side), between Rosalind and Amherst streets. It is built of brick, tiled roof, has verandah (tiled) in front and verandah at rear, and contains hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, linen press, pantry, kitchen, and laundry, attached workshop. Land 33ft x 112ft back to a lane, Torrens title, garden front and back. The Cottage is well finished, with art mantels, and has gas, city water, connected to sewer. Bus passes now. Auction Sale at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 8th January, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (560)

THOMPSON-STREET, DRUMMOYNE. In an Assigned Estate, per Trustees. COTTAGE, of w. boards, on stone, having verandah, 3 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse, land 30 feet x 122 feet, near to Broughton-street, handy to ferry or tram, gas and water. AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

IN THE ESTATE LATE LAURA A. LOWE. SALISBURY ESTATE, WATERLOO. ALLOTMENTS, Nos. 28 to 30, Sec. 1, Salisbury Estate, having 45 feet frontage to Botany-road, with a depth of 125 feet. TORRENS TITLE. Messrs. JONES and JONES, 85 Elizabeth-street, Solicitors to the Estate. AUCTION SALE at the ROOMS, PITT-STREET, on FRIDAY, 8th January, at 11.30 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (570)

WATER-FRONTAGE SITE, No. 10 of Sec. 6, BLANDVILLE ESTATE, 50 feet frontage to DICK-STREET, depth 247 feet, extending to WATERS of PARRAMATTA RIVER. Handy to steamer's wharf. AUCTION SALE at our Rooms on FRIDAY, 8th January, at 11.30 a.m. Torrens. Plan on View.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (570)

FOR POSITIVE SALE. FOSTER-STREET, LEICHHARDT. COTTAGE, No. 5, of w'boards, having verandah, 4 good rooms, kitchen, detached washhouse, fowlhouse, neat garden. Land 40 feet frontage, depth 100 feet along a lane. Torrens title. Messrs. M'COY and M'COY, of City Mutual-chambers, 62 Hunter-street, Solicitors.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (572)

CHATSWOOD. ON EASTERN SIDE OF LINE AND CLOSE TO STATION.

By Order of the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD., as Attorney under power for Sir Arthur Stepney.

EIGHT ALLOTMENTS, Nos. 15 to 22, each 40 feet frontage to SPRING-STREET, depth 115 feet. FIVE ALLOTMENTS, Nos. 22 to 26, each 40 feet frontage to SPRING-STREET, depth 114 feet.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 8th January, at 11.30 a.m., The above well situated BUILDING LANDS in the esteemed suburb of Chatswood. (566)

CROWN LANDS, formerly included in THE NATIONAL PARK, and close to LOFTUS PLATFORM. 109 BLOCKS. Areas from 2 ROODS 33 Perches to 6 ACRES 1r 17 perches. At UPSET PRICES OF £8 to £30 PER LOT. TERMS: 25 per cent. deposit, balance in 5 equal annual instalments, interest 6 per cent. per annum. LITHOS READY.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., have received instructions from HON. W. P. CRICK, Minister for Lands, to Sell by Public Auction, at LOFTUS, NATIONAL PARK, on SATURDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1904, at 3 p.m. 109 Blocks of Land at Loftus, parish of Sutherland. (494)

By order of the Executors Estate late James Healey. NORTH ANNANDALE. A Two-story HOUSE, known as ELLINGTON, No. 16 Parnie-street, Land 30ft x 150ft 3in on one side, and 160ft 9in on the other, width at rear 50ft 6in. Torrens. S. J. BULL, Esq., King-street, Solicitor to the Estate. AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (568)

STRATHFIELD, At the Recreation Ground and close to Railway Station. CHATSHAM, a COTTAGE erected on land having 50 feet frontage to MORWICK-STREET, depth 150 feet. Sewer, gas, city water. Torrens.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m., The above. Full particulars in future advertisement. (576)

HUNTER'S HILL, an esteemed and highly improved marine suburb. Substantial RESIDENCE, with 2 ACRES of GROUNDS, at the corner of DE MILHAN-STREET and GLADESVILLE-ROAD, only two minutes' walk from steamer's wharf at foot of De Milhan-street, Villa Maria. Full particulars will appear in future advertisement. In meantime CARDS to view are available from Auctioneers.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 15th January, at 11.30 a.m., The above choice Residential Property. (560)

PENSHURST, BEYOND HURSTVILLE. A healthy growing district for Trade Success. BUTCHER'S SHOP and COTTAGE of weatherboards, OCEAN-STREET, near main Forest-road. It has large Shop, cooling chamber, four rooms, kitchen, verandah, washhouse, gas and water; large sheds for stabling, carts, small goods house, boiler, etc. In working order, for a steady, smart man; occupied by Mr. Reid. Title Torrens. Land, 40 x 140 feet. AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (574)

BONDI BEACH, at the Park and Tram Terminus. That substantial and commodious Property, known as ALBERT VICTORIA REFRESHMENT ROOMS, at the corner of BONDI-ROAD and SIR THOMAS MITCHELL-ROAD. Leasehold, 94 years to run; ground rent, £34 per annum. *** A splendid business position.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, on the Ground, on SATURDAY, 16th January, at 3 p.m., the above. Full particulars in future advertisement. (561)

BONDI, near to Beach and Tram. TWENTY ALLOTMENTS. Liberal Frontages and Depths, facing Sir THOMAS MITCHELL-ROAD, FRANCIS-STREET. By order of the Trustees of late Mr. F. O'Brien. Lithographs Ready. AUCTION SALE, on the Ground, SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY, at 3 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (566)

MUNGERARIE, A Well-known DAIRY PROPERTY, of 1022 ACRES 2 ROODS 18 PERCHES, Let in Four Farms, and RETURNING a RENTAL of £200 PER ANNUM. It has LARGE FRONTAGES to MORUYA RIVER and WAWBAN CREEK, about 4 MILES from TOWN OF MORUYA. By order of Administratrix in a Deceased Estate.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the ROOMS, on FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m., The above Country Estate, full particulars of which can be obtained at the Rooms of the Auctioneers. (579)

UNDER 1½ MILES FROM MANLY, and only 10 minutes walk from tram terminus.

BROADVIEW ESTATE, in 28 BLOCKS, fronting PITTWATER-ROAD, adjoining Mr. Aldgeman West's property, and opposite Mrs. Maloney's Grocery Store. *** Portion of this Property is known as Palmer's Poultry Farm.

AUCTION SALE, SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY, on the Ground, at 3 p.m. Under easy terms. Lithos preparing.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (513)

ABSOLUTE WATER FRONTAGES, suitable for Fishing and Shooting Boxes, OPPOSITE BROOKLYN, HAWKESBURY RIVER, only a short distance above the HAWKESBURY RIVER BRIDGE. LIBERAL TERMS to SUIT ALL CLASSES of PURCHASERS, viz., £5 per Lot Deposit, and balance as desired at 5 per cent. Torrens Title. Lithographs obtainable. AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (564)

HUNTER'S HILL, ITALIA ESTATE, with Torrens Title. Frontages are to LANE COVE RIVER, RYDE-ROAD, MARY and ABIGAIL STREETS, and the pretty BERONIA PARK. SIXTY-SIX ALLOTMENTS. Liberal Frontages and Good Depths. TERMS, Easy: 10 per cent. deposit, 10 per cent. in 6 months, balance half-yearly, extending over 4½ years, at 5 per cent. interest per annum. LITHOGRAPHS PREPARING. BEAUTIFUL SITUATION, just beyond Fig Tree Steamers' Wharf. AUCTION SALE, on the Ground, SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1904, at 3 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (567)

KINGSTON, adjoining NEWTOWN. In the Estate late Mrs. Donald. INVERTIAL, a faithfully-built and well-finished RESIDENCE, on 83ft frontage to AUSTRALIA-STREET, Sewer, gas, city water. Torrens.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, in January next. The above. Full particulars in future advertisement. (534)

PRELIMINARY. MOSMAN. the Most Progressive of Harbour Suburbs.

CLIFTON GARDENS ESTATE, overlooking Taylor Bay, Mosman, and commanding Pretty Views of the Eastern Portion of our Harbour and its Striking Environs. CLOSE TO BRADLEY'S HEAD-ROAD, where are numerous Attractive Villas of varied designs and sizes.

A SUBDIVISION judiciously laid out by Mr. C. W. B. King, C.E., surveyor. LITHOGRAPHS PREPARING. Messrs. ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Equitable-chambers, George-street, city, Solicitors to the Estate. AUCTION SALE on the GROUND SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, at 3 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (565)

TO BE SOLD as a FREEHOLD, "ROSEMONT," MANSION AT WOOLLAHRA, and over 5 Acres of Land, built by the late Hon. Alexander Campbell, M.L.C. (now tenanted by Senator J. T. Walker), has always ranked as one of the best private residences among the many fashionable houses around our city. The adjoining proprietors are His Honor Sir Frederick Darley, C.J.; Estates of the late W. Laidley and R. Prendergast, Esqs.; James Marks, Esq. Suitable for PRIVATE RESIDENCE, or RESIDENTIAL FAMILY HOTEL AND FLATS.

The Mansion is of massive stone, slate roof, has very wide verandah (stone flagged), hall, eleven principal rooms, besides bathrooms, pantries, detached kitchen, scullery, servants' hall, and bedrooms, etc., etc. There are also, detached at rear, built of wood, 4 bedrooms, laundry, stables, etc., etc.

The Ornamental portions of the Grounds are strikingly effective as lawns, well-matured shrubbery, flower beds, etc., ferneries, etc.

TITLE FREEHOLD, subject to a tenancy, terminable at 3 months' notice. The SITE is ON THE CROWN OF THE HILL, practically the highest point in this high-class neighbourhood, and commands a perfect panorama of views, both water and land scapes. As a PRIVATE RESIDENCE, it would be difficult to surpass it, and it has in it also the making of a RESIDENTIAL FAMILY HOTEL, with RESIDENTIAL FLATS, which once started would grow in favour, and command success. Besides having a large area of land—over FIVE ACRES—absolutely private, and in an elevated position, with ample room for extension of buildings and attractive out-door recreation, it is situated within twenty minutes of the G.P.O., by a pleasant tram service.

A portion of the property, about 2 acres at the rear of the house, could, without any detriment to the property, be available for building purposes, now or hereafter.

OUT OF THE CITY, YET IN EASY TOUCH WITH IT. The approach is from Upper Ocean-street, by a handsome broad avenue, kerbed and guttered, between well-grown border trees.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1904, at half past 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LIMITED. (440)

TO CAPITALISTS, INVESTORS, TRUSTEES, and MANUFACTURERS. REDFERN FREEHOLD, Returning a NET RENTAL of £330 PER ANNUM. THAT EXTENSIVE and VALUABLE BLOCK OF LAND having frontages of 165 FEET TO BOTANY-STREET and 135 FEET TO BULLANAMING-STREET, with the depth through of 207 feet. On it, fronting Botany-street, are THREE LARGE WORKSHOPS, occupied by Messrs. H. P. NEILSON and CO., and the PIONEER RAILWAY SPRING CO., Ltd. At the rear, a FACTORY (two floors), occupied by the ENTERPRISE SOAP CO. *** PART of the Frontage to BULLANAMING-STREET is VACANT and AVAILABLE for BUILDING PURPOSES. *** An IMPORTANT BLOCK of FREEHOLD PROPERTY, in a CONVENIENT POSITION to RAILWAY and BUSINESS CENTRE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will Sell by Auction at the Rooms, in JANUARY NEXT, due notice of which will be announced in future advertisement. (546)

TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1904. BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES. GRAZING, AGRICULTURAL, DAIRYING, AND RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, AUSTERMERE.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, have received instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell by Auction, at the WOOL EXCHANGE, MACQUARIE-PLACE, on the above date, at 12 o'clock noon, THAT HIGH-CLASS PROPERTY, AUSTERMERE, comprising an area of about 4007 Acres 2 roods and 304 perches of FREEHOLD LAND (Torrens Title), situated about 2 miles from MOSS VALE and 80 miles from SYDNEY, on the MAIN SOUTHERN RAILWAY. The Property is very highly improved, with good Residence, Stables, Coachhouse, Yards, and Outoffices, all enclosed with good fence and subdivided into numerous paddocks of various areas. The Estate is all ringbarked, and nearly the whole of the dead timber cleared up. Improvements all in good repair. The Estate is splendidly watered by Wingecarribee River, which bounds about two-thirds of the Property, also by numerous tanks and dams. Nearly the whole of the Property could be cultivated. TERMS: One-third cash, balance 1, 2, and 3 years, at 4 per cent. The Auctioneers desire to draw the special attention of Capitalists, Investors, Syndicates, Building Societies, and others to this very fine Estate. For the purpose of subdivision into Residential Farms it has special advantages, being situated only 86 miles from Sydney (3 hours by rail), 2208 feet above sea level, and enjoys a climate equal to any in N.S.W. For further particulars apply to HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, Sydney.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Newtown Station, THIS DAY, at 7 o'clock, Wood &c.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Darling Harbour, THIS DAY, at 8 o'clock, Wood, &c.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Redfern Station, THIS DAY, at 9.15, Hay, Straw, Chaff, Maize, Pumpkins, Potatoes. DENT and PERRY, Auctioneers, 131 Sussex-street.

HARDIE AND GORMAN, AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS, LAND and ESTATE AGENTS, 133 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY, have engaged the services of Mr. HAROLD GORMAN, and will add the duties of INSURANCE AGENTS to their Real Estate and Agency Business.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALES, Real Estate, Shares, etc. OUTDOOR AUCTION SALES. Land in Blocks and Subdivision. VALUATIONS OF REAL ESTATE for Probate, Mortgage, Sale, and Partition.

LETTING OF DWELLINGS, Furnished and Unfurnished; Offices, Stores, Warehouses, Shops, Country Properties.

COLLECTION OF RENTS and General Management of Properties for owners, whether in Australasia or Europe.

SPECIAL NOTE.—"To Let" List Printed Monthly Free of Cost to Landlords and Tenants.

*** NEXT SATURDAY. LOVE'S ESTATE, MOSMAN HEIGHTS. FRONTING SPIT-ROAD, along which the ELECTRIC TRAMS run, and MITCHELL-STREET. SPLENDID BUILDING LOTS, commanding GRAND VIEWS OF MIDDLE HARBOUR and THE OCEAN.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND, NEXT SATURDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1904, at 3 p.m. The title is Torrens. Terms: 25 per cent. deposit, and the balance in 3, 6, 9, and 12 months, at 5 per cent.

HARDIE and GORMAN, AUCTIONEERS. *** Plans on application to the Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE. MANLY, AT CURL CURL LAGOON. BLOCK OF LAND, Lot 1, Sec. 1, Queenscliffe Estate, containing 2 roods 5 per., fronting Queenscliffe-road, Bridge-street, and the Lagoon. Plus high Block, with good views over Manly

FUNERALS.

LEWIS.—The Friends of the deceased WILFRED DE COURCEY LEWIS are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Keera, Wycombe-road, Neutral Bay, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1-past 12 o'clock, for South Head Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors,
Sydney, North Sydney, Balmain, etc.

JOHNSTON.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS and MINNIE JOHNSTON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved infant DAUGHTER, Mary Teresa; to leave 4 Young-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY.
Tel., 424, etc.

HUDDLESTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS L. HUDDLESTON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved SON, Frederick Philip; to leave 4 Young-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Tel., 424, etc. Sydney and Suburbs.

MCALISTER.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. ROBERT MCALISTER, Master Mariner and Sailmaker, are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to leave 1 Sterling-street, Glebe, on Bay-street, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

EVANS.—The Friends of Mr. CHAS. F. EVANS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SISTER, Emily Susannah, which will leave Stoneleigh, Starling-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for the Necropolis, via Petersham station.
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EVANS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. WILLMORE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Emily Susannah Evans, which will leave Stoneleigh, Starling-st, Leichhardt, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis, via Petersham station. WOOD and COMPANY.

EVANS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. WILLMORE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved COUSIN, Emily Susannah Evans, which will leave Stoneleigh, Starling-st, Leichhardt, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Petersham station, thence Necrop. WOOD and COMPANY.

KEY.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN KEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Susannah, which will move from his residence, No. 84 Evans-street, Balmain West (Rozelle), THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Petersham station, and thence to the Necropolis.
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DOWNIE.—The Funeral of the late Mr. WILLIAM THOMAS DOWNIE will leave the late residence, Florence Cottage, Vernon-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15 for Petersham station, and thence to the Wesleyan Cemetery, Necropolis.
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GRIERSON.—The Friends of ROBERT and LAURA GRIERSON are respectfully informed that the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER will leave her late residence, Addison-road, Manly, for the Manly Cemetery at 10 a.m. TO-DAY.

MOON.—The Friends of Mrs. MARGARET MOON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved husband, which will leave his late residence, 164 Rose-street, Darlington, THIS SATURDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. No flowers.
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MOON.—The Friends of the late Mr. THOMAS MILFORD MOON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, 164 Rose-street, Darlington, THIS SATURDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. No flowers.
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MOON.—The Friends of Messrs. DAVID, WALLACE, AUGUSTINE, and Miss MARY MOON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, which will leave his late residence, 164 Rose-street, Darlington, THIS SATURDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. No flowers.
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NEW SOUTH WALES OPERATIVE BAKERS' ASSOCIATION.—The Friends of DAVID MOON, Esq., are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER, Thomas Moon; to move from his late residence, 160 Rose-street, Darlington, at 1.45 p.m.

SINCLAIR.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. F. SINCLAIR are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; which will leave his late residence, Renwick-street, Marrickville, THIS DAY, at 1.15, for Waverley Cemetery. J. J. THOMAS, Funeral Director, Marrickville, Tel., 53 Petersham.

ANDREWS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. ANDREWS are kindly informed that the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Olive, will leave 50 Gowrie-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 to 2 for Newtown Station, thence to Necropolis. BOOTS and COMMESON, Undertakers, 250 King-st, Newtown. T., 56 N.

PRESTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. PRESTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, Joshua; to move from his parents' residence, No. 2 Alexander-st, Alexandria, on MONDAY MORNING, at 8.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.

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